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VOLUME XV.

[FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER 1710]

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resolv'd for y^{e}. West Coast and her are to go [for] proper and fitting persons to be fully instructed and impowered to reform, those extravagant [. . .ele]ments. N°. 1.

We send you this by one Robinson a P[ilott] of a Moors Ship ready to sail with y^{e}. first Land Wind. Wee are with all affection

S^{rs}.
Your good ffrie[nds]
& very hum^{ble}. [Serv^{ts}.]
WILL: FRASER.
WILL: MARTIN.
ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.
THO^{S}. FREDERICK.
RICH^{D}. HUNT.
EDW^{D}. BULKLEY.
WILL: JENNINGS.
JEREMIAH HARRISON.
WILL: WARR.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
3^{D}. JANUARY 1709/10.

TO EDM. MOUNTAGUE ESQ^{R}.
DEP^{T}. GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL
AT FFORT S^{T}. DAVID.

S^{rs}.

We are resolv'd yester Night your very [advi]sable Letter of y^{e}. 3^{d}. Instant, advising the [*a few words lost*] quantity of bales you made up, we had [*a few lines lost*] we have fitted the Kent, the Somers and y^{e}. ffrederick we shall dispatch hence for your parts as Convoy the Kent on the 10th. Instant, you wou'd do well to employ your Servant for y^{e}. embaleing of Long Cloth and Sallampores brown, in case there shou'd be a failure of bales enough of white Cloth, we foresee we must Send you hence what bales we can [to] fill up y^{e}. Somers, the Frederick is to return to us, so soon as she may be thought out of dangers of the ffrench if att Pollicherry. N°. 2

Your Invoice of Bills of Lading of the Somers must begin and run in the name of y^{e}. Presid^{t}. and Council of ffort S^{t}. George.

We have sent you some Comfortable Supplies on y^{e}. Somers.

We are
S^{rs}.
Yo^{r}. good ffreinds
& humble Serv^{ts}.
WILL: FRASER.
WILL: MARTIN.
ROB: RAWORTH.
THO: FREDERICK.
RICH: HUNT.
EDW: BULKLEY.
JEREMIAH HARRISON.
WILL: JENNINGS.
WILL: WARR.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
6TH. JANUARY 1709/10.

TO EDM. MOUNTAGUE ESQ[R].
DEP[TY]. GOVERN[R]. &C. COUNCIL
OF FFORT S[T]. [DAVID].

S[rs].

No. 3 We have this morning [. . .] son his dispatch for England [. . .] a well mixt Cargo amounting to [. . .] Pagod[s]. 98786. 15. 1. God Send him [. . .] in safety at his desired port.

We are now [dispatch]ing y[e]. Somers to you to be full and timely Lad[en] with what Assistance we can give by Sending you hence what bales can be got ready on y[e]. Somers. We have Laden 53 bales which are of y[e]. Sorts [fol]lowing Vizt. L. Cloth ordinary brown 46 Bales [. . .] white one bale D[o]. Middling 1 bale D[o]. fine [. . .] Sallampores fine 2 bales Moorees ord[ry]. 1 b[ale . . .] fine 1 bale in all 50 bales to be Continued on boa[rd] for England.

[*a few lines lost*] you make any now one[. . .] the Colour of great Britain [. . . .] parliament: the amount of w[t]. [. . .] to your Selves is as ℘ Invoice [. . .] 24: 5. It is y[e]. Late Season of the [. . .] dispatching the Europe Ships that we [ ] ates for sending home any brown Cloth on the Somers there having been so much Sent upon the Heathcote.

We have sent on the Somers and the ffrederick 25 of our Military and 5 of Gunroom Crew on each Ship with provission for 20 days for all of them who are to be contain'd on board each Ship, till the ffrench Ships are gone of y[e]. Coast or that y[e]. Somers is ready to Sail for England. We cannot but take notice to you that since y[e] D: Governour went hence on the 9 December Last to ffort S[t]. David to y[e]. date hereof wee have rec[d]. no more than two gen[ll]. Letters from you [. . .] private and ℘ticular Letter come so frequently from your parts by [. . .] therefore we can now tell you [that two larger S[t]. Malloes ships a] rriv'd the 8th. Ins[t]. at Pondichery pray be more frequent in your advises as relateing to y[e]. Comp[as]. Affairs because we take no pleasure in finding fault. we are

S[rs].
Yo[r]. Well affect[d]. ffreinds
and humble Servants

WILL: FRASER.
WILL: MARTIN.
ROB[T]. RAWORTH.
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RICH[D]. HUNT.
EDW: BULKLEY.
WILL: JENNINGS.
JEREMIAH HARRISON.
W[M]. WARR.

P.S.

What mony you may want to pay your Merch[ts]. you may receive of Polee Cheety Succa Ramas Gomasto or Factor att Cuddalore and draw bills on us for y[e]. same payable to his principall the said Succa Rama, but not above 2 or 3000 Pagod[s]. att a time our Cash here being some times att a low ebb.

Daud Cauwn has heard there are some fine birds come to ffort S[t]. David which we wou'd have you procure and send him its price he wou'd have their price sent him but you may tell his people that wait there for them that you bought to them by our ord[r]. to be Sent to the Nabob whom we wou'd not disoblidge.

He has Confirm'd by new grants the 5 Villages.

Just att y[e]. Closing this we rec[d]. y[rs]. of y[e]. 9th. Instant advising your having drawn a bill on us for Pagod[s]. be Sent in the foregoing [. . .] Invoice for goods amounting to Pagod[s]. 1072. 34. 8.

1 d°. amo^{ts}. too 100. 24. —

Bill of Ladeing for d°. [. . .] the Somers.

FORT S^{T}. [GEORGE]
JANUARY [11 1709].

TO THE HON^{D}. JOACHIM
COLYNS CHEIF FOR AFFAIRS
OF Y^{E}. R^{T}. HON^{BLE}. NETHERLAND EAST INDIA COMP^{A}. &c.
COUNCILL OF POLLICATT.

S^{rs}.

We were favour'd wth. your kind Letters of y^{e}. 21st. Instant N. S. advising two great Ships having come to an Anchor att Metchlepatam, the 12th. Instant N.S. which Shipps past by us in y^{e}. offen the 7/18 and next day arriv'd att Pondicherry which prove to be the two S^{t}. Malloes French Ships the Lesser Ship they Left att Junckerton tradeing amongst y^{e}. Islands to dispose of the Cargo of a small Vessell they had taken and made prize of belonging to one Alexander Hamilton a North Britain, its believ'd it will be Late before y^{e}. two great Ships at Pondichery can get of y^{e}. Coast, because a great part of their Cargo is not yet got in from their Merchants and y^{e}. Washers they are in great fears and [. . .] Dangers from yor. Ships, we [*one line lost*] their fears, we are with all respects N°. 4

S^{rs}.
Your Affec^{te}. true
ffr^{ds}. & very hum^{ble}. Servt.
WILL: FRASER.
WILL: MARTIN.
ROB: RAWORTH.
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RICH: HUNT.
EDW: BULKLEY.
WILL: JENNINGS.
JEREMIAH HARRISON.
WILL: WARR.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
JANUARY 10TH. 1709.

TO EDM. MOUNTAGUE ESQ^{R}.
DEP^{TY}. GOVERNOUR &c. COUNCIL ATT
FFORT S^{T}. DAVID.

S^{rs}.

We hope [. . .] that the Somers may be Lately arriv'd wth. y^{ou}. and thô out of our sight yet she is not out of our thoughts, we therefore ord^{r}. that about Six thousand peices of Long cloth ord^{ry}. belonging to our Merchants have in the hands of Nulla Cheety be [. . .] with sorted [*a few lines lost*] here shall do our utmost to send you what white goods we can. N°. 5

S^{rs}.
Your good friends
and hum^{ble}. Servants
WILL: FRASER.
WILL: MARTIN.
ROB: RAWORTH.
THO: FREDERICK.
RICH: HUNT.
EDW: BULKLEY.
WILL: JENNINGS.
JER: HARRISON.
WILL: WARR.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
JANUARY 16TH. 1709.

To

JN°. RUSSELL ESQR.	ABRM. ADAMS ESQR.
MR. EDW: PATTLE.	MR. JOS: CHITTEE.
MR. [WILL. BU]GDEN.	MR. [JAMES] LOVE.
[MR. SAMLL. BLOUNT].	MR. WM. LOYDE.

[COUNCIL FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE] UNITED TRADE IN [BENGAL].

N°. 6. [*First few lines of this letter lost*] 3d. Instant sent by a Moors Ship one Robinson Pylate, since which he have recd. yours by Cossids to Vizagapatam and thence forwarded to us by fresh Peons who arriv'd but the 10th. Instant, they are directed to the former Governour Pitt, and as so we judge them to be of a Stale date which are not yet open'd as being busied in ye. dispatch of ye. Kent which we have done this day full Loden wth. a Cargo Amts. too as ℔ Invoice Pagods. 98786. 15. 1.

Our Letters from Vizagapatam which are accompanied your Packett are of ye. 14 December last by which it seems your Cossids were a longtime by the way which is worth enquiring into.

The Somers we have to day sent to ffort St. David to be Laden there for England whom we hope to dispatch by the end of this or beginning next month, but the Kent Left us no bales now, to Lend as the [Rt. Honble] Compa. have directed.

[. . .] pain what [. . .] is become of ye. Loy [all Cook yt.] arriv'd with [. . .] probably some were [*a few lines lost*] April before the recovery (so long massing) arriv'd safely with you at Bengall, we wish since it is no better that ye. [. . .] may have no worse fate.

The two St. Mallows ffrench Ships arriv'd att Pondicherry ye. 8th. Instant, these small Ship they left at Junkcilon trading amongst those Islands all ye. 3 ffrench Ships with their Dutch prize arriv'd at the aforesaid place, about ye. Latter end of Novembr. last having lost their Passage to Morgy amongst those Islands, they mett Cap. Alexander Hamilton on a small Vessell whom they took and made prize, her Cargo they left with Capt. of their small Ship to go a tradeing with amongst those Islands, as aforesaid they Sunk Capt. Hamiltons Small Vessell and told him their Dutch prize, for payment of wch. he gave the ffrench Bills drawn on the President and Council of Fort St. George alledgeing we were possess'd of ye. Estate of Mr. Maxwell [. . .] who was a considerable Debtr. to him [*a few words lost*] ballance of accts. between them of wch. [*a few words lost*] any, we never have penny [*a few lines lost*] should make the aforesaid demand of payment of you.

We have this ill news from Mr Gassell, which ends in his own misfortune of having been cast away on one of the Easter most Islands of the Nicombarrs the 29th. of July last, whence he got to Junkcilon in an open Boat with 6 persons more the Capt. Hamilton and ye. Dutch prized ye. ffrench told him upon the Creditt of his Bill as has been laid, on which he took his passage to Dew's point on this Coast and thence upon an open Boat to Pullicatt, & thence here by Land and arriv'd Yesterday a sad spectacle a mere skelledton (*sic*), and a walking Chest and that is all that remains of him and that Voyage.

On the 12th. Novembr. last we sent you overland the Honble. Compas.; Packett directed to you and now by the Hallifax we send you another of the same in which Packett from England we suppose you'l find a General Letter severally, [*a few words lost*] the old and new Company to all their servants in India ordering all accts. Debts.

and Creditts of ye. Compa. to be brought into the stock of the United trade and that all Debts owing by either Compas. new and old as Separate shall be paid out of ye. United Stock.

We have Laden on the Halifax which goes consign'd to you a stock consisting of Lead, Bales of Broad Cloth and treasure to the amtt. of as ℘ Invoice Pagodas
fas.
169846. 2. pray hasten her being unladen so soon as it pleases God to arrive here safely wth. you, so as she may be timely return'd to us with Salt petre 1200 baggs and filled up with good Sound Rice.

Pray advice us the price of Lead and Broad Cloth ordry. with you, being we have no more Broad Cloth left in our Goedowns, We shall have abt. Rups. 300,000 Left which we intend to send if the Companies Affairs require it and that you meet wth. no trouble to hinder your investing the Same.

Capt. George Wooley an inhabitant of this place complaines to us that you have forced him to pay you Rupees 40 for Acctt. Tonage of his small Vessell notwithstanding he produced to you the Late Governour Pitt's pass for his intended Voyage which begun here and that his said pass was to continue in full force till his return back hither again, pray state this case plainly between us, we apprehending not to be ye. Companies meaning that any Ship belonging to this place shou'd be obliged to take two passes that his one here and another from you for one and the same Voyage, [pray. . .] Secretaries fees especially as to passes and what part the Secretary has.

Since writing the foregoing here are arriv'd advices from Pondicherry to the Trustees & a Humeys of ye. Late president Pitt as also Captain Hamiltons Letter to said President being a narrative of the manner how he was taken by the ffrench St. Mallows Ships, and their civil and kind usage of him they have likewise set his severall bills of Exchange given them by the said Capt. Hamilton on President Pitt only due and payable next August when Captain Hamilton beleives President Pitt may have effect of Mr. Maxwell in his hands sufficient to pay said bills, when indeed it does not appear that Mr. Maxwell has dyed any otherwise than insolvend (*sic*).

The bills are three 3 or 4 bills, all of one tenor and date for Rupees 4400 for the Dutch prize Sold him which was Condemn'd before at Pondich[erry] and this is payable next August to their order.

There are two other bills each of Rupees 300 payable to each of the two ffrench Capt. in all Rupees 5000.

Now [. . .] that president Pitt now being in the place th [*two lines lost*] Nation will pay the Said bills but then you must oblige Capt. Hamilton to make over his Said Dutch Ship with all her Store and appurtance to the Gentlemen that pay and discharge his bills, as you'l find in a Letter a part to your Selves, from ye. said Gentlemen, and Capt. Hamilton must not run to and again from Bengall to Mallacca and amongst the Islands on pretence of recovering some old Debts and thereby run ye. hazard of himself, Ship, and all as you'l hear from ye. Gentlemn. themselves, who will send you their orders accordingly and pray'd us and yor. selves to assist them therein.

Batavia Arrack some time is Cheap will you as we beleive it may be now there being so many Dutch Ships from Batavia at your Port we wish you would send us up some three or four Leagues for the use of ye. Garrison it being very dear here at present.

We send you Copie of a Letter recd. last night overland from Anjengo which give us ye. good news of ye. Loyal Bliss having been as high as Carwarr on the 18th. November last departed thence for [. . .] Port &c Ships arriv'd on that Coast [. . .] Letter we referr.

We now return you upon the [*a few words lost*] Serjeants and 20 Soldiers we [*two lines lost*] for 30 days and have paid them to the p^{mo}. month ffebru^{y}. next we are.

Gentlemen
Yo^{r}. good ffriends and very
hum^{ble}. Servants

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
JAN^{RY}. 11TH. 1709/10.

WILL: FRASER.
WILL: MARTIN.
ROB: RAWORTH.
THO: EREDERICK.
RICH: HUNT.
WILL: JENNINGS.
EDW: BULKLEY.
JEREMIAH HARRISON.
WILL: WARR.

P.S.

The two Serjeants abovemention'd have both of them behav'd themselves so well here that they well deserv'd your and kind Countenance.

LIST OF THE PACKETT.

N°. 1. Fort S^{t}. George Generall to Bengall dated y^{e}. 11 & 12 Janr^{y}. 1709–10.
2. Copie of D°. dated January 3^{d}. 1709/10.
3. Invoice of goods & treasure Laden on Ship Hallifax for Bengall.
4. Bill of Loading ℘ Ship Hallifax.
5. A Packet from y^{e}. Honble. Managers.
6. A Packett from the Governour & Council of York Fort.
7. Copie of a Lett^{r}. from y^{e}. Chief of Anjengo to y^{e}. late Presid^{t}.
8. List of y^{e}. Packet.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.
JANUARY 17TH. 1709/10.

To EDM^{D}. MOUNTAGUE ESQ^{R}.

DEPUTY GOVERN^{R}. ATT FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

S^{RS}.

N°. 7 In our last we omitting advising your bill of Exchange for pagod^{s}. 6000 which we accepted and is hence paid Yesterday we rec^{d}. yours the 14th. Currant and wonder much that in this fair Season & dry weather you have not more bales ready, nor do you advise what brown Cloth, bales you have secured and embaled since we gave you timely notice for so doing.

The ℘'sid^{t}. when he left yor. place on the 30th. Octob^{r}. last there remain'd then in your Goedowns 350 bales, which M^{r}. Farmer &c. increasd to 470 and now your last advices makes no more than 569 bales thus for you seem'd to have the advantage of us here as that att y^{e}. time y^{e}. Presid^{t}. arriv'd here on y^{e}. 2^{d}. Novemb^{r}. last the Heathcote had not left us so much as one bale of any Sort of white Cloth in our Goodowns and thô you have more washers in number then we have here yet we made it our endeavour to dispatch y^{e}. Kent a full Laden Ship thô we had the same hindrance as you Complain of as to y^{e}. Paines.

We shall dispatch to you to-morrow God willing a Boat belonging to Colloway Cheety called Borin Vyagio with 107 bales white and brown as also 3 bales of paintings all marked on y^{e}. reverse side with Malla bair Letters, the Yandell's name of y^{e}. said Boat is Mutandu we shall Send you the Warehousekeep^{rs}. Conocople to give them y^{e}. Companies marks and number according to their Severall sortes, and qualities, and

after her in 2 or 3 dayes more shall send you another Boat with as many bales as we can make up in the same manner as ye. former, their respective bills of Lading and Invoice shall be sent you overland, we think by Mr. Raworth if not sooner who intends te set out hence for ffort St. David on the 20th. 21st. Currant for such reason [as] we shall impart to you in a Letter by him to whom wee wou'd have all due respect paid as a member of our Council here.

You must cooperate with us by all ye. ways and means possible to send home ye. Somers timely a full Laden Ship else it will be a Severe reflection on yours as well as our management and there will not be wanting such as will say ye. Companies affaires would be better done by other hands, lett your effectuall endeavours return back their mistakes.

There is one Henry Williams who came out upon the ffrederick, and is now ye Governour Servant he makes his application to us that having supply'd Severall of ye. Souldiers that came out upon ye. Frederick in their great need and want with Clothes as ℘ inclosed acctt. their Severall bills promising payment for the Same are left in the hands of Mr. Berriman att Cuddalore we wou'd have ye. Paymaster with you deduct out of ye. Souldiers pay as ye. same shall become due according to ye. Condition and tenor of their respective bills as aforesaid we are

Srs. Yor. Affecte. ffreinds
and humble Servts.

FORT ST. GEORGE
JANUARY 17TH. 1709/10.

WILL: FRASER.
WILL: MARTIN.
ROB: RAWORTH.
RICH: HUNT.
EDWD: BULKLEY.
WILL: JENNINGS.
JER: HARRISON.
WILL: WARR.

P.S.
We have laid [150] bales that is if ye. Boat can take them in.

TO CAPT. HENRY HUDSON
COMMANDR. ℘ SHIP HALLIFAX.

Upon receipt hereof you are order'd to repair on board your Ship and with ye. first opportunity of wind and weather to weigh anchor Sett Sail and make ye. best of your way for ye. spediest attaining the Port of Bengall where when arriv'd you are to deliver our Packett herewith deliver'd you as directed to ye. Worspll. Council for the affaires of ye. Rt. Honble. United English East India Company in the Bay of Bengall whose ordrs. you are to follow for your. future disposall. No. 8.

We would have you take care to avoid the Lands of Due point, and keep a good look out that you may not be surpriz'd there being one of ye. St. Mallows French Shipps not yet return'd to Pondicherry, we wish you a good Voyage and date this in ffort St. George ye. 13th. Janry. 1709/10.

Your humble Servts.

WILL: FRASER.
WILL: MARTIN.
ROB: RAWORTH.
THO: FREDERICK.
RICH: HUNT.
EDW: BULKLEY.
WILL: JENNINGS.
JERE: HARRISON.
WILL: WARR.

To Edm: Mountague Esqr.
Depty Governour
&c. Council at ffort S^{t}. David.

S^{rs}.

N°. 9 Our last of y^{e}. 18th. Currant wherein we advised and promised our utmost endeavours to assist you what we can in the since tis dispatch of y^{e}. Somers a full Laden Ship which we hope may be done if Capt. Peacock does not insit[s] precisly & exactly, as to the point of time he limits himself to, as by this paper deliverd us here in Consultation some days before he went hence, and we hope so good a man as we beleive Captain Peacock to be, will not stand upon such a nicety when he knows we here are doing our utmost, and we desire do no[more] of you but to follow us in what we prescribe here in which hitherto you have failed otherwise how comes it to pass that we have made more white Cloth bales here than you have att your place when you were so much before hand with us as adviced in our former, however we shall still continue to assist and send you by Boats all y^{e}. bales we can, which pray acquaint Capt. Peacock of the better to keep him in[ta]ct.

This comes by M^{r}. Raworth who brings y^{o}. our [charter] for establishing Don Simon D'Costa of y^{e}. Theatin order [...] in both Churches of Cuddalore and Jeffnapatam, and removing the present Incumbant as ℘ our Consultation of Instant but if he is inclin'd to go to y^{e}. West coast in the Spirit and Zeal he has for the Cure of Souls he may but if he does not we think he has neither.

Notwithstanding of what we have wrote you formerly as to the ffront or preamble of our Invoice of y^{e}. Somers, we wou'd have wrote in this manner following Viz^{t}.

That all the Bengall goods as also all y^{e}. Madrass goods be said to be Laden on board by y^{e}. President and Council of Fort S^{t}. George which when all of both places are finished, then in y^{e}. self same invoice you are to write to ffort S^{t}. Davids goods Laden on board Somers by the Governour &c Council there by ord^{r}. of y^{e}. President and Council of Fort S^{t}. George, and you are likewise to observe y^{e}. same method as to your bills of Landing for England.

Just now y^{e}. President hath rec^{d}. a particular Letter from a certain ℘'son of your board wch. asks our Leave for sorting and embaleing of Long Cloth brown, when indeed we order'd the same Severall dayes ago, as ℘ ours to you of y^{e}. 8th. Instant which you confess to have rec^{d}. as by your answer to us, it's strange that they should be done so carelessly as not to have either thought or reflection.

It was you so seldom writing made us beleive you were so intent in geting bales enough ready As that we were willing to excuse your silence on that acc^{tt}. but it lead us into that fatal mistake of advising y^{e}. Company by the Kent of your having a Lading ready by that time y^{e}. Somers should be sent you.

Pray prize the last Contract made with your Merchants on the 19th. Octob^{r}. last in wch. they oblige themselves to bring in 25000 pagod^{s}. in goods, by y^{e}. last of Decemb^{r}. and 15000 pagod^{s}. in goods by the fifteenth Current, nor can you plead your business was any wayes crampt through want of mony to pay your merch^{ts}. since we readily pay'd all your bills drawn upon us as soon as they became due.

The case thus stated between you & us we desire to know what cause or reasons you can give for so great a dispointm^{t}. as makes us repent the Sending you the Somers so early, we have the Calculate brought us by M^{r}. Harrison y^{e}. 19th. past which was a quantity of all sorts upwards of 800 bales since which your business

seems to have gone retrogarde rather than progressive, but we are quit a weary of this unpleasant Subject and Leave it, least you shou'd think we are not what we yet really (tho' disoblig'd.

Our Affec^{te}. ffreinds
and humble Servants.
WILL : FRASER.
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FORT. S^{T}. GEORGE
JAN. 20TH. 1709/10.

To M^{R}. ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.

S^{r}.

We write this apart and to your self only, because it Containes Capt. Peacocks bill of Lading for what goods Laden on board his ship in Bengall, for acc^{t}. of y^{e}. old Company, which must be brought in to y^{e}. Invoice of y^{e}. Somers for Acc^{tt}. of y^{e}. united Company as you see we have done here and y^{e}. same must be done and insert'd in the grand bills of Laden of y^{e}. Somers Cargo for England Capt. Peacocks bills of Lading for y^{e}. Bengall goods Laden for y^{e}. Acc^{tt}. of y^{e}. united [Comp] when in Bengall we have not, else shou'd have sent you [......] if you have them, tis well else you must give the Capt. [...] tigue writing under your hand to bear y^{e}. [Cap] he may scruple signing his grand bills of [...] which includes y^{e}. said goods. N°. 10

We send You [*a few words lost*] goods Laden hence on both [*a few words lost*] You by this line, and are to [*a few words lost*] to be now drawn up the [*a few words lost*] the grand Invoic'e [*a few words lost*] Dep^{ty}. Governor [*a few words lost*] council of [*a few words lost*] Madrass [*a few words lost*] taind [*a few words lost*] Y^{e} [*a few words lost*].

Letter to y^{e}. Honble. Comp^{a}. ℔ the Somers which is to be sent in a flying packett N^{o}. B to be sent the Honble. Comp^{a}. from any port of Holland, Ireland or great Britain, where y^{e}. said Ship shall first touch att.

The Generall Letter &c. is in the Box On which we send under a flying Seal for your ℔usuall only and signing.

As also Y^{e}. Governours Secret ord^{rs}. to be deliver'd by you to y^{e}. Capt. in Consultation of y^{e}. time the Deputy Governour delivers him open dispatch & Let there be an Entry made in Consultation that you have so deliver'd the Secret orders to the Capt. of the Somers otherwise you must take y^{e}. Cap^{ts}. own receipt, that it may appear they are deliverd to indemnify your [and] as well as us.

Thus much for you to act in your [......] one of our Board here but y^{e}. Invoices of [*a few words lost*] Madrass goods with our open dispatch [*a few words lost*] have directed to y^{e}. Dep^{ty}. Governour &c. [*a few words lost*] our Generall to the Company [*a few words lost*] and to be sign'd by you made up [*a few words lost*] thatt we shall make up [*a few words lost*] land, with a Servant [*a few words lost*] rooms and ten [*a few words lost*] and a safe return to us as being

S^{r}.
Your very Loving ffreinds
and most humble Servants
WILL : FRASER.
ROB : RAWORTH.
THO : FREDERICK.
RICH : HUNT.
EDW : BULKLEY.
WILL : JENNINGS.
WILL : WARR.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
JAN. 23^{D}. 1709/10.

P.S.

Sent M^{r}. Raworth Viz^{t}. Secret orders to Capt. Peacock D^{o}.. Bengall Bill Loading Acc^{t}. old Company.

To Edm. Mountague Esq^{R}.

Depty Governour &c^{A}. Council at ffort S^{T}. Davids.

S^{RS}.

N°. 11 With this comes our Invoice [*a few words lost*] Laden on Board att Bengall for [*a few words lost*] and old Comp^{a}: with what more mad [*a few words lost*] Laden on Board y^{e}. Somers and what [*a few words lost*] sent you on Boat, to help to fill [*a few words lost*] dispatch we have sent blanck [*a few words lost*] day you deliver y^{e}. same to Capt. [*a few words lost*] be between him and her else [*a few words lost*] or receive y^{e}. same after [*a few words lost*] Charter party overland to M^{r}. [*two lines lost*] time is not out till y^{e}. 31st. Instant before whom you must dispatch him either full Laden, or not, and if y^{e}. Latter will not be to your Credit which we wish you heartily to retrieve because we are

S^{rs}.

Your Affect: good ffreinds
and very humble Servants

Fort S^{T}. George
[Jan.] 23^{D}. 1709/10.

Will. Fraser.
Will: Martin.
Rob: Raworth.
Tho: Frederick.
Rich: Hunt.
Edw: Bulkley.
Will: Jennings.
Will: Warr.

[*a few words lost*] more expedition you may
[*a few words lost*] our Invoice now sent you
[*a few words lost*] ods sent you on Boat and
[*a few words lost*] ffort S^{t}. David goods
[*a few words lost*] to lade on Board a
[*a few words lost*] for you 40.
[*a few words lost*] Generall Letter.
[*a few words lost*] Capt. Peacock's dispatch
[*a few words lost*] Invoice ship Somers.
[*a few words lost*] Do. goods Laden on Ship Chindadre
[*a few words lost*] D°. on the Bombay are
[*one line lost*].

[To Edm.] Mountague
[Esq. Depty] Governour
[&c^{A}. Council at] ffort S^{T}. Davids.

S^{RS}.

[N°. 12] [*One line lost*] you our packett for y^{e}. Honble. Comp^{a}. to go by y^{e}. Somers they set out hence at 9 of y^{e}. clock att night wth. whom we sent a Serjeant, Six Topas Souldiers 10 peons and 10 talliars ordering them to use all expedition.

This is Cheifly to enclose to you invo[ice] of bales Laden on board a Country Boat to hol[d] you to fill up the Somers by which you see we are doing whatever we can to assist you.

Just now is arriv'd your Generall Letter of y^{e}. 21st. Currant we take notice of y^{e}. Bill of Exchange you advise of pagod^{s}. 3000 which is accepted and shall be paid when

due y^e^. number of y^e^. days you prefix are too few especially when the Same is lap[sing] and our Cash is low five days may be a better medium between the extreams of too many and too few days for payment. we are

Your Affec^nte^. good
ffreinds & hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.

WILL : FRASER.
WILL : MARTIN.
ROB : RAWORTH.
THO : FREDERICK.
RICH : HUNT.
EDW. BULKLEY.
WILL : JENNINGS.
WILL : WARR.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
JAN. 24TH. 1709/10.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
JAN^Y^. 31ST. 1709/10.

TO EDM^D^. MOUNTAGUE ESQ^R^.

DEPUTY GOV^R^. &C COUNCILL.

S^RS^.

Yesternight between the Hours of 10 and 11 arrivd here, Peons from Vizagapatam who brought us the Surprising News from the Councill of Managers at Bengall of the Honble. Companies affairs there not only being imbroyld but likewise in very great danger as appears by their Gen^ll^. Lett^r^. of the 5 Currant Copie of wch. comes herewith, the originall was sent by the Mary Bowyer belonging to the Company purposely to advice us and assist them wth. w^t^. Millitary forces wee can spare, but by Calmes, Currants, and Contrary Winds was forc'd to put in at Vizagapatam where the Cheif there thought it most advisable to send the Packett overland as aforesaid wherefore were wishes of any avail wee cou'd heartily wish upon the Extraordinary occasion that the Sommers were not yett dispatch'd, which if wee are yet so happy as that this may find him therewith [you], & tho' his time of staying in India be Expir'd this Day, yet wee wou'd have you concert matters with him so, as to prevail with him and ingage him upon the terms of a New Charterparty the better to Incourage his stay so long as still the next Season shall present for his going for England and w^t^. ever you shall do in this matter in concert with M^r^. Raworth we shall approve of and confirm here which if done, you must immediately [*one line lost*] there because wee shall on the Coast of Chormandell Gingely Orisa and so to Batta[via] who intends to send his Deputies to all the Sea Port Towns on the Coast to Encourage Trade and Merchandize of all which wee bel[eive] Duan Mull can not but know before this time. Wee are No. 13.

Your Lov^s^. friends & humble Servants

WILL : FRASER.
WILL : MARTIN.
THOM^S^. FREDERICK.
RICH^D^. HUNT.
EDW^D^. BULKLEY.
WILL^M^. JENNINGS.
JEREMIAH HARRISON.
WILL : WARR.

To JOHN RUSSELL ESQ. ABRAHAM ADDAMS ESQ[R].
MR. EDW[D]. PATTLE. M[R]. JOSIAH CHITTEE.
[M[R].] WILL: BUGDEN. [M[R].] JAMES LOVE.
[M[R].] SAM[LL]. BLOUNT. [M[R].] WILL: LOYD.

Councill for affairs of the United Trade in Bengall.

Gentlemen

No. 1 Our last to this was of the 17th. Jan[y]. by Hallifax w[n]. we advised you the needfull till then Since wee [. . .] at Pondicherry the lesser french Ship from Mergy wth. a lading of Rice a seasonable supply and releif to their necessities & there their Cargoes consisted of Salt Petre Pepper and Bales, bad weather full three Quart[ly]. or half Laden, reports are various tho' wee incline to beleive the latter.

But by the Manner of their acting and Secret[practice] of gaining intelligence as to the stren[g]th of the Som[rs]. their more curious inquiery as to that Ships sailing well [. . .] or heavy the amo[t]. of her Cargoe and time of her departure [*two lines lost*] ill design in agitation against the Som[rs]. then Rideing at Anchor abreast of fort S[t]. David as formerly advisd wee had sent her Copie of which comes here with these 3 french ships w[n]. Lading at Pondicherry gave great uneasiness to our friends at Fort S[t]. David and to Cap[t]. Peacock as much as any the ships in both Rods (*sic*) being but 15 Miles distant are easily seen by each other so that by their great apprehension of the fears and Dangers for the Som[rs]. made 'em all disconsulate, w[n]. on the 30 past the Somers was full Loaden, on which Day in the agony of their mind they wrote us a Gen[ll]. Lett[r]. Expressing their heaviness of mind the difficulties under which they Labour'd for the great concern they had for the seeming Dangers of the french Shipps having a design to waite the [. . .]ons of the Som[rs]. and earnestly desiring our advice and orders on the matter w[ch]. Lett[r]. arriv'd us on the 31st. past and that afternoon wee return'd 'em our best thoughts for answer as coud occur to our Mind 'em [to] act by, so that on the 4th. Currant all three french Ships saild out of Pondicherry steering a N: S[t]. Course but those Gentlemen at fort S[t]. David with the content and oppinion of Cap[t]. Peacock thought it best to stay at anchor 3 days after the departure of the french Ships which was well and prudently done on the 7th. Current as they write us they shoud dispatch the Som[rs]. with a well mixt Cargoe amo[t]. to as ℔ Invoice Pag[s].
fa[s]. c[a].
145684. 20. 4. God grant her to arrive in safety at her desird Port.

On the 25th. past arrivd from King Sha Allum's Camp the Peons Gov[r]. Pitt sent hence on the 7th. July last with Letters to Zoodye Cawn and now by our said Peons return'd his answer translate of which comes herewith to which wee referr you, and cou'd wee be certain of [*one line lost*] Hugly the [seat] of his Governm[t]. in Bengall wee wou'd have wrote him our hearty thanks and acknowledgem[t]. of all favours for the troubles he has taken and the paines he has been at for and in behalf [of] the English which now wee must call the British Nation.

Wee desire you wou'd by all just and fair means possible ingratiate Yo[r]. Selves in the favour and good opinion of Zoude Cawn now or by this time Suba of Hugly who is [also] by his Letters Patent admirall of all this Coast as far as Ballasore the great Esteem and respect he has for the English Nation was happyly begun between the late Gov[r]. Pitt [and] him which wee earnestly desire you'l continue and pre[serve].

Prince Hazee Moden King ShawAllums 2[d]. Son[. . .] Polar Star he steers by and by whose means the Kings fa[vour] Shine upon him as by the good Employ he now enjoys how long it may hold we can't tell, he being now a days in favour with any of the Prince Ministers at Court probably because application hath been first made him in appearing for and in behalf of the English Nation when they of the superiour and first ord[y]. might think their Hon[r]. diginity and high places they hold Either [. . .]ted to neglected.

Wee shall according to Zoudee Cawne ord^{rs}. send the Kings Pres^{t}. to Bengall so soon as wee may know of his being arrivd at Hugly with our congratulatory Letter the best of all the Pres^{t}. having been sent to Metchlepatam where hath lay in ever since Augt. last, but w^{t}. we[have] do wth. the Elephants being six in Number that lye here upon our hands at a great Charge wee do not [know] unless wee had Zoudee Cawns leave to dispose of them and send their value in some Choice accept[able] [*one line lost*] Rarities which wee leave you to manage for us and shall Expect Your Answer. Wee are respectfully

Gentlemen

F^{T}. S^{T}. G.
FEB^{Y}. 8TH. 1709/10.

Yo^{r}. most affection^{t}. ffreinds and humble Servants

WILL: FRASER.
WILL: MARTIN.
THOM^{S}. FREDERICK.
RICH^{D}. HUNT.
EDW^{D}. BULKLEY.
WILL: JENNINGS.
JEREMIAH HARRISON.
WILL: WARR.

TO J^{NO}. PHILIP NODEN
AT METCHLEPATAM.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
FEB^{RY}. 11TH. 1709/10.

Yo^{rs}. of the 13th. last past wee rec^{d}. the 9 Currant since wch. of yours wee have wrote you on the 27th. last Month, & likewise the Presd^{t}. hath wrote his particular Lett^{r}. of the same date to the Gusbad^{r}. who as you say is very Clamorous and troublesome tho' he cannot pretend to so much Ignorance, but to have known that his so [lon]g stay at Metchlepatam was occasion'd by our waiting and Expecting an answer from Zoudee Cawn to ours sent him hence on the July last Copie of his said Lett^{r}. as an answer wee send you inclos'd attested by the Cogee here which wee think may be enough to silence Your Gusbardar which Copie wee woud have you deliver him. No. 19

You shou'd have advis'd us the time the Ground rent becomes due and how much the same is Yearly that wee may compare it with our books here so that you may not [be put to a loss] which wee ord^{d}. you to pay to the Right Proprietors taking two receipts both of one te[...] and date one of wch. to be sent us and the other to be kept by you. The French Ships you wrote of was advisd us by the Dutch to Pollicatt and from thence to us, they arriv'd at Pondicherry the 8th. of Jany. last, whence they sett sail on the 4th. of february for Europe but have been seen on the 5th. 6. & 7th. after they saild from Pondicherry as by our last advices from Fort S^{t}. David at [y^{e}.] Port the Som^{rs}. lyes full Laden for England, but the Gentlemen there as well as Capt. Peacock have a shrew'd suspicion those french ships having some ill design on y^{e}. Som^{rs}.

In the 5th. Paragraph of your Letter you Enter the Lists again with the [...] of Your Gusbard^{r}. where you say Isuph Cawn wee suppose you mean Suba of Golcondah sent his Letters to Duan Mull by Virtue of which the said Duan Mull sent the Phousdars Brother in Company with the Gusbard^{r}. the factor to demand of you the reason why the Present aw[...] and why wee detain'd the Gusbadar so long there with ord^{rs}. to send up the Present to Golcondah that Duan Mull shou'd be at the Charge and Expe[ct] of the same &c^{a}.

To all which Zoudee Cawns Letter to [us] will be sufficient to give a full answere to your Gusbadar as aforesaid because former ord^{rs}. m[ust] give obedience to the Latt^{r}. and Zoudee Cawn (by ye time wee hope in Bengall) was the only person as our great friend that manag'd this great [affairs] [*two lines lost*] ffriendship between him and the late Govr. Pitt & therefore we shall steer our Course in y^{e}. Matter as Zoudee Cawn has directed which is to send the Pres^{t} to him, to Bengall as formerly advis'd both Yo^{r}. self and the Gusbadar as by our Lett^{rs}. of the 27th. last past to wch. wee refer.

As to w^t. You wrote us of about our Passes to the Rashwar the $Pres^t$. Govr. of Maddapollam, we have considered and well weigh'd the conveniency with the inconveniency of the whole matter & have thereupon signed two Passes for both the Ships as beleiving one if not both of 'em may some time come into this road w^n. wee may come up with him, if for the future he shou'd do anything unworthy of your favour.

As to w^t. you write us of the Maddapollam Braminy if Yo^r. information be true he is all together to blame and not be trusted but in this Case you ought not to guide y^r. self by any private prejudice You may have against him that your impartiall $judgem^t$. out to discerne between w^t. the Braminy acts out of a Principle of Guilt and Knavery of himself or whether forcd and compell'd by the threats and $Punishmen^t$. of the Rashwarr Govr. an Instance of the Latter is manifestly Evident by w^t. Kittee Narrain had seen wth. his Eyes at the time he was last at Maddapollam for that the Braminy having refus'd to let the Rashwarr have any [*one line lost*] they were taken away by force and the Braminy ha[wld] out by the Heels and beat unmercifully this and some other $matt^{rs}$. makes us doubt the information you have being all together true however it be the $Presid^t$. hath wrote him a $Lett^r$. to the End wee may know certain one way or other whether w^t. you are inform'd be reall matter of Fact or on by meer allegations Seing You have not been there Your Self in Some Years for Some reasons either reall or suppos'd.

Yesterday the 12th. Ins^t. wee rec^d. Yours of the 3^d. Ins^t. much to the same purpose with yor. former wch. this answers with your Said Letter wee rec^d. Your $Acco^t$. $disbursm^{ts}$. for the months of $Novemb^r$. $Decemb^r$. and January last wch. are not in the ordinary right method of Deb^t. &c., but you begin with all your $disbursm^{ts}$. of the aforesaid 3 Months which ought to be the Creditt in Yo^r. $acco^{ts}$. and the Cash in your hands Yo^r. $acco^t$. ought to be Deb^r to and the fountain whence Yo^r. Credits by $paym^{ts}$. ought to issue from, as for Instance Yo^r. $Lett^r$. of the 12th. Nov . last wch. wee rec^d. the 28 that Month you drew a bill on us for Pag^e. 675 : 34 : 3 payable to kittee Narrain wch. if rec^d. in $Novem^r$. you ought to have debted Yo^r. self to Said Summe rec^d. but wee shall say no more of this till wee have again perus'd Yo^r. $acco^{ts}$. of the Months preceeding Novr. last.

Iapah Chittee makes his application for and in behalf of his brother Somana with you against one Gundah Ivare is said to bring in false $accot^s$. and dem^{ds}. the ballance wee wou'd have you oblige him to bring the true originall $acco^{ts}$. and assist the aforesaid Somana w^t. You can so far as his Case shall appear right and Just.

We have kept the $Lett^r$. open without finishing all Yesterday till this Morning that is the [17th.] purpossly to inquire of our $Merch^t$. Inhabitants if they had any money at Metchlepatam, wch. they were willing to have paid them here that to by your receiving of it of their Gomusto's there You were to give Bills drawn on us payable to their ord^r. but wee can find no man here qualify'd as aforesaid, which shows there's but little trade between both Ports of Yo^{rs}. and this besides wee are at an uncertainty w^t. to send you because you mention no Summs, however if you can meet with any Merchants there that will lend you to the amo^t. of about Pag^s. two hundred or 250 or if need require Pag^s. 300 give Such Persons Yo^r. Bill of Exchange on us which shall be paid to whom he or these shall ord^r. which wee think may be enough in regard the [bulk] of Yo^r. Expence has run out most on firewood and the $Gusbed^{rs}$. wages whose inclination wee wish might bind him, rather than by any formall invitations of ours shou'd bring him hither because we wou'd have him go away satisfy'd without Grumbling to whom the $Presid^t$. hath now wrote him a perticular $Lett^r$. to keep him in good humour and temper. Wee are

Yo^r. loving friends.

WILL : FRASER.
WILL : MARTIN.
THOM^s. FREDERICK.
RICH^D. HUNT.
EDW^D. BULKLY.
WILL : JENNINGS.
JEREMIAH HARRISON.
WILL : WARR.

To M^r^. Francis Hastings Chief
&c^a^. Council at Vizagapatam.

Ft. St. G.
Febr. 15 1709/10.

By the rising sun Smack wee recd. Yours of the 19th. Jany. with your Diarys and Consultations for the Months of Octobr. and Novr. &ca. Pappers according to list and since on the 12th. Currant are come to our hands by Yor. Peons Your Severles. of the 15th. 16. 23d. and 27th. of Jany. last which wee read next Day in Consultation with great concerne of mind, wee now dispatch back Yor. Peons as beleiving the rising Sun Smack whom wee intend to Send may be with you before this comes to Yor. hands on Said Smack wee shall send you the Necessary Supplies Yo. desire, and write you more largely of the best Wayes and means to extricate you of your Prest. troubles if possible which wee had forseen some time agoe. No. 20

Wee are
Yor. affectiont. friends and humble. Servts.
Will: Fraser.
Will: Martin.
Thos. Frederick.
Richd. Hunt.
Edwd. Bulkley.
Will: Jennings.
Jeremiah Harrison.
Will: Warr.

To the Honble. Johannes Van Steelant
Govr. of Negapatam for Affairs of the Rt.
Honble. Netherlands, East India Compy.
&ca. Councill.

Our worthy good ffriends No. 21

Wee were some days ago honour'd with your very obliging kind Letter of the 15th. Currant N.S. and [...]. Thus long delayed untill wee had diligently inquird into all the perticulars, and other circumstances of the subject matter of your Honr. &ca. Letter so as to render our answer the more perfect as to matter of fact which is briefly thus as follows Vizt:

One George Benfield had serv'd the Worshipll. Gabriell Robts. Esqr. late Govr. of Fort St. David in the way and manner of a Butler for some Years with good applause, and then became a freeman to Sett up for himself and is the same Person Yor. letter mentions a free Merchant and as so went to the S. Wd. to doe his own business in the time of late great famine and in or about Negapatam one then Namd Rashia or Rashipah a Cooly Fellow sold himself to the aforesaid Benfield for Pags. five, whence he came along with his new Master to Madrass soon after he show'd a great Inclination to become a Christian & got himself Qualify'd for the same by having learnd his Pater Noster &ca and accordingly with his Masters Consent was Christn'd in our Portegues Church by the Name of Pedro, some Small time after his Master where he lodg'd had occasion in that hot Season to wash his body and Sent his said Slave Pedro with the Key of his Chest to bring him some clean Cloths wch. he accordingly did but at the Same time the [slave] open'd the Till of his Masters Chest and took thence upwards of Pags. 300 with which he fled and run away and was never heard of till now that your Honr. &ca. mentions him in Your Letter the Peons were sent out in search of him but they returnd back and declar'd he coud not be found, this Same Slave must undoubtedly be the same very Person Yor. Honr. &ca. mentions tho' by another Name whom wee request may not be punish'd with you but that he be return'd hither where he hath comitt'd the Crime, his aforesaid Master George

Benfield hav^{s}. gon a Voyage to Pegu and expected here next Month hath left Orders with his Land lord here concerning the said slave Pedro whose Charges hither wee shall oblige the party concernd to make good. Wee are with all respect and sincerely

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Your Hon^{rs}. &c^{a}. most affectionate
ffriends and humble Servants

F. S^{T}. G.
FFEB^{Y}. 16 1709–10.

WILL : FRASER.
WILL : MARTIN.
THO^{S}. FREDERICK.
RICH^{D}. HUNT.
EDW^{D}. BULKLEY.
WILL : JENNINGS.
JEREM^{H}. HARRISON.
WILL : WARR.

To EDM^{D}. MOUNTAGUE ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOV^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCILL ATT
FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

S^{rs}.

N°. 22 M^{r}: Daniell Evans one of the Companys Servants att Yo^{r}. Place having some time since desir'd the Govr. and Councills leave to come hither in ord^{r}. to his serving the R^{t}. Honble. Comp^{y}. at the West Coast, which was omitted in our Gen^{ll}. Lett^{r}. from hence I am orderd to acquaint you that his request is granted and that you may permitt him to come on the Frederick the Maddapollam Yatch or any other conveyances.

By ord^{r}. of the Govr. and Councill
WILL : WARR
Secretary.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
16 FEB^{Y}. 1709–10.

To EDM^{D}. MOUNTAGUE ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOV^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID
&C^{A}. COUNCILL.

Sr^{s}.

N°. 23 Yo^{rs}. of the 24th. Currant came to our Hands Yesternight Your Bill of Exchange, drawn on us for Pag^{s}. three thous^{d}. as advis'd Shall be accepted w^{n}. presented and paid w^{n}. become due.

M^{r}. Evans arriv'd here the 25th. whom wee have return'd to you agen (*sic*) because he is not willing to go to the West Coast but upon his own terms and wee think him not sufficiently qualified to deserve w^{t}. he asks.

Let Capt^{t}. Hugonin have our Leave for coming hither as likewise Rowland Willson if he has a mind to go to the West Coast, let him hasten himself wee shall write you again 2 or 3 Days hence w^{n}. wee Shall take Notice to you of Capt. Courtneys Case.

Wee are
S^{r}.
Yo^{r}. affection^{t}. good friend & hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
FFEBRUARY 27TH. 1709–10.

WILL : FRASER.
WILL : MARTIN.
ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.
THO^{S}. FREDERICK.
RICH^{D}. HUNT.
EDW^{D}. BULKLEY.
WILL : JENNINGS.
JEREM^{H}. HARRISON.
WILL : WARR.

To Mr. Francis Hastings Chief
&ca. Councill at Vizagapatam.

Fort St. George
Febry. 25th. 1709–10.

Srs.

Wee have now before us Yors. of the 14th. Decemr. last since wch. are come to our Hands Yors. of the 9th. 15th., 16, 21, 22d., 27. January last that of ye. 9th. Jany. came by the Rising Sun Smack with Yor. Diarys Consultations &ca. Papers according to list the rest of that months date we recd. by yor. Peons on the 12 Inst. to all wch. we shall now give answr. & first to Yors. of ye. 14 Decembr. where you Say you recd. the late Presidt. Addisons Pacquet on the 27 October last and there in his Lettr. to Fuckerlee Cawn relating to Mr. Holcombs date in wch. you did not do well to detain Said Lettr. but to have sent it forth wth. as directed and the reasons you give in Excuse for wt. You did are very weak and will not stand firm against wt. you promised Fuckerlee Cawn to advise that whole matter to us as ℘ Yor. Genll. Lettr. of the 14 Decemr. last, by wch. delays and want of answr. fuckerlee Cawn whom wee shall now call Nabob may justly think himself abus'd and Slighted, by this you have so incensed and provok'd him to the resentmts. you now feel why Shou'd you have kept Said Lettr. either on the score of the late Govr. Addisons death or the further Orders of his Successor or cou'd you beleive (if you can but allow Yor. Selves time to think) that the Successor aiming at the same end wou'd have done any thing contrary or revers to wt. the late deceased Govr. had done in that matter. No. 24

You say the best way to lessen the Charges of Your Place is by making large Investmts. to the amot. of 40 or 50000 Pags. in this You are so much in the right yt. we agree wth. you but wee doubt the performance because some of us do remembr. that in Govr. Higgonsons time at the Earnest desire of the then Chief and for the Reasons as you give there was a large Stock sent 'em, but they were so far from being able to perform wt. they promised yt. after it had lyen there for some months dead & unemploy'd, the ship Martha of ye. Compys. bound hence for Bengall was order'd to call in at Vizagapatam and take thence 10000 Pags. worth of Rups. and Carry to Bengll. wch. was accordingly done wch. put 'em to some hard strain'd Excuses for theire failure, but to bring the mattrs. nearer the Case is still the same wth. You now as for Instance wee have Sent you in Money, and Paid in Bills from the po. Jany. 1709 for August last inclusive Pags. 18526 : 31 : for all wch. you have not made us any returns till the 9th. of Jany. last by ye. rising Sun Smack on whom you had Laden bals. 136 amot. to Pags. 11818 : 38 : 2. wch. is all you have done in so long a time as a whole twelve months, so yt. wt. has been sent you is Sunck to little more than the amot. of the rising Sun Smack Invoice by wt. you say in Yor. said Lettr. of Decemr. last yt. you will have left but barely wt. may pay ye. next following months Expen[ces] so that upon ye. whole we think (as matters are manag'd) that settlemt. will hardly beare ye. Charge of one factor and one writer much less of wt. you are so fond of the Post of a Chief, to whom we allow a Just respect to be due, but our Chiefest trust and relyance is in a choice and well compossd Councill wch. by Yor. Paucity You are not, because, in the multitude of Councillers there is Safty.

We though wee had Sent You on ye. rising Sum Smack Stationary ware Sufficient for so little writing work as you have, and so few hands as you are however we Shall Send you wt. wee can spare, with other necessary factors provissions thus much in answer to Yors. of the 14 Decemr. as aforesaid.

The next to our view is Yors. of the 9th. Jany. last recd. ℘ ye. Rising Sun with yor. Diarys and Consultations &ca. Papers as ℘ list as has been said, but you have not sent us your Diarys and Consultations for ye. Month of Decemr. which wee wondr. at Seing those You sent us for ye. Months of Septemr. Octobr. and Novembr. last are all compris'd in three Sheets of Papr. wch. having ℘ us'd & read 'em thorowly, they give us no manner of Satisfaction to Each Month you assigne only one Consultation and that same towards the Latter End of the mo. October only Expected wn. you held two, wherein we find little more than reading the accots. of Each in their Severll.

Employs, in these words read and past the Latter wee forbid for the future wee here contesting ourselves only with having no other entery made in Consultation than that such or such by name read the acco^{t}. of his or their Employs for such and such a Month without the additionall word of being past for how can it be imagind in a time of Consultation in a Crowd of much business they can have time enough y^{n}. nicely to Examine into Each mans acco^{t}. y^{t}. being the proper province of y^{e}. accountant, next under the Presid^{t}. to inspect those acco^{ts}. by which some cunning men formerly have drawn such a consequence and formd to themselves a defensive argument (w^{n}. in y^{e}. wrong) y^{t}. their acco^{ts}. were read and past.

In perusing Your Diarys, wee can no ways aprove of the Chiefs managem^{t}. in the doubtfull matter of both the Competitors Hamee Cawn, and Fuckerlee Cawn for the NabobShip, the former acting like a common rover or a freebooter by letting his People to rob and Spoyl your Poor Inhabitants, and that after you were so fond and hasty in making him a Pres^{t}. it had been Prudent in you to have Soothed 'em presently alike to as to have kept even and fair with both Parties especially w^{n}. you had but bare report for the former but better Credentially for the Latt^{r}. if you believe Yo^{r}. own diarys of y^{e}. 22: 24: 25 Septem^{r}. last mentioned in the Letters Mr. Hastings rec^{d}. from the old Merch^{ts}. Braminy at Comello and in a Consultation held on y^{e}. 26 Septem^{r}. the Chief Seems to doubt w^{t} he formerly believ'd in fav^{r}. of Hamett Cawn as ℘ the former Day's Diarys and therefore delays Sending Hamett Cawn the Powder promisd him until it be certainly known wch. of the Competitors is to be the Nabob.

Yet next Day being the 27 the Chief went to meet Hamett Cawn at the Mango garden and there presented him a box with 4 Pagodas as an acknowledgement of his being Nabob of the Country.

On the 28 Hamett Cawn's Duan visited the Chief in ord^{r}. to agree the Presents to the Nabob and Officers and the same Day Your Nabob pass'd by yor. factory whom you Honour'd with the Salute of 21 Guns and the same number as he return'd.

On the 29 Septem^{r}. the Chief with the Nabobs Duan adjusted the Pres^{t}. to the Value of Pag^{s}. 270 in broad Cloth &c^{a}. all wch. wee observe to have been done out of Consultation.

Wee have taken the more Paines to write these Yo^{r}. Diarys to convince You that by making Yo^{r}. Court and address and Yo^{r}. Public testimonies & acknowledgem^{t}. to Hamett Cawn as the Nabob, by So much You have greatly disgusted Fuckerlee Cawn whom now you are oblig'd to beleive to be the right Nabob whose friendship You have now lost by your fatal mistake as appeares by the Troubles you are now involv'd in and the Difficulties under which you labour this unhappy mistake of yours the Cunning Dutch have improv'd to their advantage and have gaind that freindship of the new Nabob which you have lost.

Jugapa the Braminy You say as your leave to come hither but it's in such a manner as shows Y^{r}. loth to part Company when you advance his usefullness with such superlatives as we do not well like but he was one of those whose ℘nicious Councills so far prevailed as made M^{r}. Holcombe lend the severall large summs to the Rajahs which hath ever since his Death intailed so much trouble to his own Familly as likewise now of late to the Company for Jugapa seemd to have been the Bias of all Mr. Holcombs business and Affaires relating to the Country or inland trade but now once for all wee do possitively order his being sent hither Y^{r}. Old Dubash thô Superannuated yet has Sons and Brothers well Qualify'd for that Imploy.

You write us that you have att the Wash[ers] so much coarse goods as will make up 40 Bales to be ready to send us by any the first and best Conveyance that shall offer wch. with the 136 Bales we rec^{d}. thro' the Rising Sun Smack makes 176 Bales and that all You have done in 13 Months time wch. is very inconsiderable to maintain the charges of that factory with a Cheife a Post you are so tender and fond off with all it's Pagentry.

We take notice that Yo^{r}. Pag^{s}. charges for no more than rupees 3¼ ℔ Pag^{t}. wee now send you on the Rising Sun Madrass Rupees 10000 and as they take shall supply you with more as you shall have occasion by any opportunity that shall present hence mean time wee wou'd have You get in long Cloth ordinary & Sallampores ord^{y}. enough in proportion to the Betteles you have taken of the Merchants.

You mention a Scarcity of Grain wch. You and Sure it must be worse now when you are hemmed in on every Side with the new Nabobs People wee Send you there for 200 Baggs containing in all 1350 Merckall of rice for the use of y^{e}. Sold^{rs}. wee now send you to be deducted out of their pay as the same becomes due, these Sould^{rs}. wee wou'd have you return to us so soon as all Yo^{r}. troubles are over the charges of Yo^{r}. Place swallows up yor. little investm^{ts}. as to any proffitt wch. is none at all but a plain Loss.

Yo^{rs}. of the 15 Jan^{ry}. advices the new Nabobs people to be incamped upon the skirts round Yo^{r}. bounds & thereby stoping up all the avennes (*sic*) and passages to Yo^{r}. town, but with all, you believe [they] intend no acts of Hostility all wch. is rather a matt^{r}. of great concern for us to remedy but is no surprize at all seing any one but of moderate scense might Easily have foreseen w^{t}. hath since come to pass greatly evances (*sic*) Yo^{r}. cheif to have made a wrong step in making his Court so Early to Hamett Cawn, and y^{e}. Event justifies our assertion and now Who must make good the mistake of Yo^{r}. Present of Pag^{s}. 275 given to the wrong hand is the question wee now send for yor. answer.

You say you have wrote to the Kings Officers at Checkracull complaining against Fuckerlee Cawn and that his People permitted their safe going wth. Yo^{r}. [Leave] but you do not tell y^{e}. constitution of y^{e}. Governm^{t}. at Check[racull] whether the Military or civill Power there, but in Generall terms you call 'em the Kings Officers wch. in y^{e}. sense [you] take it, shou'd be supperior to the new Nabob, you ought to have explain'd this to us, as you ought likewise to have the word Kistee in Yo^{r}. Diaries, wch. wee understand [not] here unless you mean thereby a 2^{d}. Quarterly payme[nt] of any Debt or rent due.

Wee are come now to Yo^{r}. Elaborate Lett^{r}. of the 16 [January] to wch. wee say Yo^{r}. Bales upon the rising Sun came no[t in] time enough to help out the filling up either the Ke[nt] or Somers the former was dispatchd hence a full ship on the 11 last Month with a Cargo amo^{t}. to Pag^{s}. 98786 : 15 : 1 & y^{e}. Som^{rs}. from hence but last from Fort S^{t}. David full Laden there on the 28 last Month but did not sail thence (because of the French Ships then at Pondicherry) till y^{e}. 9. Instant with a Well mixt Cargo amo^{t}. to Pag^{s}. 145684 ; 25 : 2 & w^{n}. both those Ships arrivd here on the 2^{d}. Decem^{r}. last wee had not any Bales of white Goods in our Godowns.

That Paragraph of the Dūtches Gen^{ll}. Letter relating to the revenues of yor. Place shall be sent you as you desire & tho' wee wish, but wishes are in vain yet wee can neither hope nor Expect any considerable increase of Revenue from Yo^{r}. Place, for the way to increase revenue is first to [in]crease People, and not to desert as they do at Vizagapatam which makes us think there is some fault in yor. managem^{t}.

You say the amo^{t}. you pay the Governm^{t}. for the Town and villiges is Rups. 4862 & the yearly town charges is about Rs. 1300 which together make the sum of Rups. 6162 for this you have the villages and priviledges of making & selling of Salt, arrack, Bettle, Tobacco and other Petty farms, with y^{e}. Land and Sea Customes according to the Moors Establishm^{t}. w^{n}. the revenues was in their own hands, and that none of the English Cheifs have made any matteriall alterations as finding by a carefull managem^{t}. under the former heads the mony be raised to pay the Nabob thus for that Part of Your Letter.

But where is the ℔formance of that Prudent Managem^{t}. of Yo^{r}. farms and Petty Customes which may pay the Nabobs rent for Yo^{r}. Towns and Villages when by your Gen^{ll}. Books of Accounts so great a Loss appears to the Company wch. put 'em Some Severall years ago upon a resolution of withdrawing that factory as useless & unprofitable to 'em, so that the then Cheif, by his Sollitary Letters to the Government here promising that what ever charges exceeded 600 Pag^{s}. ℔ annum he would pay and defray out of his own Pocket this matter being represented hence to the Company

prevaild so far with 'em as to suspend executing their former resolution wch. is a plain demonstration that yor. place may be useless & unprofitable to yor. Company, when at the same time it may be very advantageous to any in the Character of an English Cheif under the Umbrage and Patronage of the Company.

You say that Customes on Goods imported by sea is not any part of the revenues you farme but is allways paid to the Moors Governm^{t}. but wee want to know whether the severall Branches of Yo^{r}. small revenues is either kept in Yo^{r}. own hands or let out and farm'd if the form^{r}. wee want to know who collects them in, if the latter we want to know to whom lett out, and for how much ℘ annum, & to whom and how paid whether Monthly, Quarterly or Yearly.

Your Notion of a Peer to make Yo^{r}. Post Commodious for shipping is Just, and may be a great occasion to make Ships frequent and resort to Yo^{r}. Place in bad weather only, but this does not always hold, it is the People therre (*sic*) resort and abode that makes the Place of trade as for Instance Millford Haven may Challenge preference to any Port or Harbour in all England, but is seldome frequented unless in stress of weather, & on the contrary Holland the Epitome of all Europe has scarce a good Port belonging to it, yet tho' there are not anything produc'd there to the Building of any ship but what is brought 'em yet is there no place where ships can be bought cheaper Your Place is poor and under a bad Governm^{t}. and will always be the same so long as it is kept under from thriving unless as you say a Phirmaund cou'd be obtained from the King to make it a Perpetuall Inheritance to the Company.

If the Dutch as you say have been so long hankeering after Yo^{r}. Place you have given 'em a very advantagious occasion to improve if not comple[te] their design by your having so much disobligd the New Nabob, w^{n}. their more penetrating judgment took the right and better aim in paying their respects and applying their Presents which they have gained to 'emselves all the good friendship of Nabob Fuckerlee Cawn, that you have lost.

Wee are now with that part of Yo^{r}. Lett^{r}. wch. says in these words——that it hath been always practicable that for the benifitt ships receive[d] by the conveniency of Yo^{r}. Port they shou'd by Vertue of a Cowle from the Chief pay $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ part of y^{e}. usuall Customes and Port Charges [to] the Company wch. is agreed on more or less according to the Cargo and circumstances of the [Ton] age, from which method you say you have never deviated; till of late in the Case of Succa Rama &c^{a}. which to us seems a contradiction to w^{t}. you have said previous to this viz, that the Sea Customes are no part or branch of Yo^{r}. revenues that being allways paid to the Nabob for the time being but if it has been a practice you never deviated from till of Late, pray who had the benefitt, or received the same since no such thing appears in your Gen^{ll}. book of Acco^{ts}. to this wee require Yo^{r}. answer.

You say the English only are exempted from paying any Customes at Your Port, tho' black Merch^{ts}. by their names and other indirect means have lately traded on the same terms which you say is a discouragm^{t}. and a hardship on the R^{t}. Honble. Companys Serv^{ts}. in subordinate factories.

Wee say there have been English Gentlemen here that have consign'd their Effects and concerns to yor. Chief and continud the same, for some time to very little advantage, till they changd hands and have found 'emselves much better servd by those very Persons You call black Merchants acting under the English Priviledge which is no more y^{n}. w^{t}. was just and right as being the proper Effects of the English y^{t}. employ'd 'em wee assert this for truth and matter of fact, which lett your Chief deny or prove the Contrary if he can.

It does not become Your Chief to arrogate to himself such a liberty of reflection as darts at any member of this Council that have done him no wrong, and he shou'd know that he lives at more ease and less expense than any of the Gentlemen here he reflects on.

Towards the conclusion of Yor. Lettr. Your Chief expresses is great zeal to serve the Company with his utmost Endeavours, but conditionally if he has such encouragemt. as many support the Creditt and authority of his Post, in which Case he promises mighty undertakings, by all wch. superlative wee know not wt. he means or wou'd he be superiour to all the formr. Chiefs his predecessors or wt. had they that Your Present Chief has not.

You mention Your Correspondence by Letters frequently with Fuckerlee Cawn; but why all this while you have sent him the late Govr. Addisons Lettr. is that to wch. wee want Your Better answer then the weak and Lame Excuse You have given us.

If we can understand Your Mulla right he says he never receivd his wages from yor. Debash but from the Chief himself, let all his wages due to him from the time he came thence be paid him to [the] full deducting or allowing for wt. you may have paid his family in his absence and continue him in the service he hath behav'd himself here very civil and quiett, for which he ought to have your Countenance.

Wee send you upon the rising sun a yo[ung] Writer Richd. Smith to be assisting in writing work the Master of the Yatch wee wou'd have allow either Diet or Diett Money as he likes either during the time he stays on h[er].

The soldrs. wee send you are paid to Ma[y...] and the master is paid to the po. of June next and all the La[ascars to] the po. June [next] ℘ the Pay Masters list inclos'd.

Yors. of the 21 Janry. advises Yor. havg. sent Yor. Vacceel to the New Nabob with the town rent Mony & the Chiefs Lettr. of Complemt. to congratulate Fuckerle Cawn into his Governmt. (& why not then the late Govr. Addisons Letter alls[o]) but that Yor. Vacceel was sent back with the Nabobs greatest resentmts. and that he had orderd a body of 100 Horse and five hundred foot to surround Yor. bounds next Day thus by your mismanagemt. You have spoiled all notwithstanding the great encomiums you give of the Nabob in your former Lettr. and now you apply Yor. selves to us for remedy by which Yor. ill conduct wee are put upon an after game.

Wee are glad Capt. Hamilton does so freely and heartily offer himself to serve you in this Yor. extremity and you are in the right when you say [you] will act the defensive part only for that a [brea]ch is sooner made than reconcild.

Wee [nevr.] heard till now by [yrs.] of ye. 22d. Jany. that the obligation Mr. Holcombe gave Fouckerle Cawn for his Mony had the Companys Seal affixt to it, but that Mr. Holcombe sign'd the same with his own Seal ring which makes us some wt. doubt, wt. your Vacceell says in that point.

Madam Holcombe confess her havg. brought up with her all Mr. Holcombe her Husbands English books and Papers of accounts but with all declares she had no other [Jentue] accots. of any sort than wt. She receiv'd from that Aracle Jugupa or any thing else but wt. mentiond. in a Paper apart wch. is wt. She declares she knows of relating to any bag seald or a Pallenkeen & the Presidt. hath seen the originall Paper Fuckerle Cawnes servts. that brought the Money to Mr. Holcombs and left wth. him mentions no more than the Summe of Pags. 44000 and if there be anything else of household moveables besides the Pallankeen wch. the Widdow owns to have but that her Husband made it up and silverd the same himself wch. if insisted on she is reddy to deliver up to any shall have a right to demand the same but if there be anything else Jugapa ought to mak it good.

Thus wee have discusted all Yor. Sevll. Lettrs. and now for a remedy for all those evills and troubles wch. tho if you have not begun Yet You have aggravated 'em.

Wee have made up a Present for Fuckerle Cawn to the amot. as ℘ Invoice to be sent and presented him from and in the Name of the Presidt. and Govr. of Fort St. George & his Lettr. with Copie of that from the late Govr. Addison sent you but never deliverd as likewise a Copie of a Letter of the late Govr. Pitt dated the 17 July 1705 and also the Widdows own Lettr. to Fuckerlee Cawn, and wth. 'em the accot. Currant between Mr. Holcombe & Fuckerle Cawn by wch. it doth appear there is little more than Pags. 6000 due to the Nabob with an accot. of Batty apart, as also Copie of

Amunduraz morgage (*sic*) of his Country [to] M^r. Holcombe as a security for the Money [...] likewise Rustumdill Cawn [*one line lost*] impowering him to Collect the rents in order to pay himself and a list of Debts of severall Persons due to the Estate of M^r. Holcombe, all of 'em translate into the Persian Language and attested by the Cogee here.

Wee thing (*sic*) it no ways adviseable for yor. Chief to visitt the New Nabob under pretence of accompanying the Pres^t. nor indeed any of the Councill unless upon the Security of good Hostages and a safe conduct the Chiefs late ill managem^t. having renderd him obnoxious to Fuckerle Cawn wee injoyn You to keep a perfect register of all Lett^rs. you send and receive from the Governm^t. or any other Persons and send us either Copies of their originalls or their translates as we practice here and send home yearly to the Company, but more especially send us those and all of 'em that have pass'd between the Chief, and the Present and late Nabob Hamett Cawn as likewise those receivd from the old Merch^ts. Braminy at[...Co]mely.

Yo^r. Journall Entries to which the Leidger refers for Explanation are entered so shorte as renders the whole unintelligible as not to be understood which is a fault pray mend it for the future Notwithstanding what wee have wrote you in some of the forgoing Paragraph of this Lett^r. concerning Jugupa the Braminys being sent hither wee now order and injoyn you to send the said Jugupa to the Nabob Fuckerle Cawn [in] order to state the acco^ts. other [*a few words lost*] that hath been receiv'd from the Rajaes Amundaraza Pye Cruw towards paying their debt or w^t. part of the same was really paid by 'em to Jugupa or any other Person, to be paid M^r. Holcombes acco^ts. wee order this that wee may be through that whole affaire the Presid^t. hath wrote to the Nabob advising him that Jugupa shall be sent with his acco^t. to be stated before the aforesaid Rajaes We likewise ord^r. your Mulla to proceed directly with our Pacquet and Pres^t. to the New Nabob whom you are to assist wth. w^t. is necessary for his Journey wch. when done and that Jugupa is returnd back y^n. wee order and positively injoyn our former ord^rs. for Jugupa's coming hither as also Concalingua Yo^r. Chief Merch^t. and Your Mulla to come hither of wch. you must not fail. wee are

Yo^r. Lov^g. friends & hum^ble. Serv^ts.

WILL: FRASER.
WILL: MARTIN.
ROB^T. RAWORTH.
THO: FREDERICK.
RICH^D. HUNT.
EDW^D. BULKLEY.
WILL: JENNINGS.
JERE: HARRISON.
WILL: WARRE.

N^o. LIST OF THE PACKET TO VIZAGAPATAM ℘ RISING SUN SMACK.

1. Gen^ll. Lett^r. Dated Feb^ry. y^e. 25th. 1709/10.
2. Invoice of the Rising Sun Smack amo^t. to Pag^s. 3446 : 16 :
3. Bill of Loading of D^o.
4. Paymast^rs. list of the Mast^r. and Lascars belong^g. to y^e. Rising Sun.
5. List of Sold^rs. p^d. to y^e. p^o. March.
6. Madam Holcombs answer to sev^ll. querys.
7. M^r. Holcombs acco^t. Currant wth. Fuckerle Cawn.
8. Acco^t. Batta p^d. Fuckerle Cawns Servts.
9. A list of Debts owing to M^r. Holcombe.
10. List of the Pres^t. for Fuckerle Cawn.
11. List of the Packett.
12. Copy of the Paragraph of the Manag^rs. Lett^r. ℘ y^e. Dutchess

List of the Packett to be sent to Fuckerlee Cawn by the Chief of Vizagapatam in the Persian Language.

Mr. Holcombs accot. Currt. with Fuckerley Cawne.

List of Debts owing to Mr. Holcombe.

Copy of Ananturazes mortgage of the Rent of his Countrys to Mr. Holcombe.

Copy of Rustundill Cawns ℘wanna to Mr. Holcombe for collecting ye. Rents of sd. Country to pay himself.

Mr. Holcombe's Letter to Fuckerle Cawne.

The President's Letter to Ditto.

Copy of President Pitts Letter to Fuckerla Cawne.

Copy of Governr. Addisons Letter to Ditto.

List of the Present to Ditto.

List of the Packett.

To Mr. Philip Noden att Metchlepatam.

Fort St. George February 28 1709/10.

Wee receiv'd Yours of the 11th. Currant on the 23d. of the same where you advis'd No. 25
having receiv'd ours of ye. 27th. past as allso the presidts. Lettr. to the Gusbardar since wch. have wrote you on ye. 14th. Currt. wn. I sent you Copie of Zoudee Cawns Lettr. attested by ye. Cogee to be shown to ye. Gusbardar to whom I have now wrote another Lettr. and told him wee are resolv'd now as at 1st. to send the Prest. to Bengall to meet Zoude Cawn at Hugly ye. Seat of his Governmt. with wch. ye. Gusbardar may proceed thither if he pleases seing a latter ordr. may always revers a former as I have wrote, the Gentlemen of Council here do aver yt. an Invoice of the whole Prest. was sent you and therein was distinguished wt. part wch. was assignd for Usuph Cawn the Suba of Gullcondah besides the Bill of Loading and you say you have no more and you know that is allwayes given up to the Master or a Captain wn. he hath ℘ formd the Contents.

There is some difference in Accots. between Colla Narso and one Sheik Sultan a moreman, the Lattr. is plantiff and a poor man they both agree to proceed to Metchlepatam to have yt. whole matter examind by you & wee desire it may be done fairly and impartially and the state of the whole mattr. to be put into writing & read to both parties before you and yn. send the same to us signd by you to the End right may be done to the party arriv'd. Wee are

Yor. loving friends
Will: Fraser.
Will: Martin.
Robt. Raworth.
Tho: Frederick.
Richd. Hunt.
Edwd. Bulkley.
Will: Jennings.
Jereh. Harrison.
Will: Warre.

P.S.

Just now came yors. of ye. 17th. wch. compard wth. our last to ye. of ye. 14th. inst. wth. wch. wee sent Copie of Zoudee Cawns Lettr. coud not be arrivd you pray let it be read in your Publick Justice Courte to wch. Lettr. that Court seems to refer.

To Peter Young Blood
Master of the Rising Sun Smack.

N°. 26 Upon receipt thereof You are ordered to repair on Board Yo^{r}. Vessell and with the first opportunity of wind and whether to weigh anchor set saill and make the best of Yo^{r}. Way, for the Spedyest attaining the Port of Vizagapatam where w^{n}. arrivd you are to deliver our Pakett herewith deliver You as directed to M^{r}. francis Hastings Cheif &c^{a}. Counc^{ll}. for affairs of the United Company of Merch^{ts}. of England trading to the East Indies at Vizagapatam whose ord^{rs}. you are to follow for yor. future despo-sall wee wish you a good Voyage and date this in fort S^{t}. George y^{e}. 1st. day of March 1709/10.

William Fraser.
Will : Martin.
Rob^{T}. Raworth.
Thom^{S}. Frederick.
Rich^{D}. Hunt.
Edw^{D}. Bulkley.
Will : Jennings.
Jerem^{H}. Harrison.
Will : Warre.

To M^{R}. Philip Noden
att Mitchlepatam.

N°. 27 Wee received yours of y^{e}. 24th. and 25th. past on y^{e}. 5th. of y^{s}. wee are concern'd for the Vexation & trouble the Gusbardar gives you wch. wee beleive to be true because of y^{e}. pert Saucy Letter he hath sent to the presid^{t}. an answer to wch. comes here inclos'd for Yo^{r}. Perusall and guidance by wch. you may observe wee invite him hither in order to concert and accommodate matters in a friendly manner so as to gain time, and thereby to rid You of so much Vexation wee wou'd have you use your best endeavour with Duan Mull to persway'd that noisom Gusbardar to proceed hither by sea or land as he likes best, to this purpose and other good Service Duan Mull may do you in the Companys affairs you may promise him a small pres^{t}. from us and in our Name of about 36 or 40 Pag^{s}. and advice us in w^{t}. sortes & things and how to be sent him, this wee promise only but in Case Duan Mull will be stange (*sic*) and sincere to us and not suffer his People to assist the Gusbardar to surround and shut up our factorie as you write us wee cant think or divice any manner of way to remitt you Mony from hence which shows that there is little or no dealing between this and your Port, but if the heads or Cheif of the new Companies Merchants shou'd come hither whom you may perswade so far as to prevail wth. them to lett you have so much Money as you think is just necessary, you may give 'em Yo^{r}. Bill drawn on us wch. shall certainly be paid 'em at sight but if this fails wee know not more what to do for you.

Kittle Narran affirms for truth and matter of fact what formerly wrote you as the Maddapollam Braminy's being so unmercifully beaten by that rash war Govr. at Maddapollam Narran (being y^{n}. pres^{t}). see with his Eyes which sence is more certain preferable to that of hearing as Yo^{rs}. was of all the 7 boats of fire wood you advice to lye laden but wind bound there is but one only arriv'd. Wee are

Yo^{r}. affection^{t}. friends
Will : Fraser.
Will : Martin.
Rob^{T}. Raworth.
Tho : Frederick.
Rich^{D}. Hunt.
Edw^{D} : Bulkley.
Will : Jennings.
Jere : Harrison.
Will : Warre.

Fort S^{T}. George
March 8TH. 1709/10.

To the Worship^ll^. Edm^d^. Mountague Esqr.

Deputy Govr. &c^a^. Councill in Fort S^t^. Davids.

F. S^t^. G.
March 8th. 1709/10.

The Govr. and Councill have appointed the Bearer John Williamson Master of Arms at Yo^r^. Place in the room of M^r^. Willson wch. I am orderd to advise you and am No. 28

Worship^ll^. S^r^. &c^a^.

Yo^r^. most obed^t^. hum^ble^. Servt.

Will : Warr
Secretary.

To the Hon^d^. Joachim Colynes

Chief for affairs of the R^t^. Honble. the Netherlands
East India Company & the Councill of Polliacut.

Our Hon^d^. good ffriends.

Wee are favour'd with yo^rs^. of the 11th. Ins^t^. new Stile inclosing a Mallabar writing said to be a Petition from those Weavers commonly call'd the Salliavar Cast complaining of some abuses as has been lately done to them at Trivitore by those other Weavers known by the Name of the Jandruvar Cast that whole matter hath been perfectly inquired into by an exact search into all the most ancient books of all their Histories taken from the old registers kept at Trivitore where it is found that the Jandruvar Casts of Weavers had right to build and have a Choultry to give and b[e]stow their Charity in giving warm water or Conjee, once a year at Trivitore to any Poor distress'd Travilors besides all this, the Jandruvar Cast of Weavers build only upon their own old ffoundation and not in the street of those of the Sallivar Casts between which there is no less than 456 Yards measur'd distance, between which Choultries as aforesaid there are severall other Choultries of Divers Casts besides all this the Jandruvar Cast have a Cowle from the former Gov^rs^. and Councills our Predecessors of this Place wch. the others cou'd never obtain, wee have been busied in the further Examination of this matter as by y^e^. inclos'd Gentue writing wee now send you and is the reall true Cause wee have thus Long deferr'd giving answer until wee coud do it with satisfaction, wch. Paper writing of Gentues wee wish you woud make known if you think fitt to all those of the Saliavar Cast, wee are with all due respect & affection. No. 29

Our Hon^d^. good ffriends

Yo^r^. very affection^t^. & reall well-wishing
ffriends & humble servants

Will : Fraser.
Will : Martin.
Robt. Raworth.
Thos. Frederick.
Rich^d^. Hunt.
Edwd. Bulkley.
Will : Jennings.
Jerem^h^. Harrison.
Will : Warr.

Fort S^t^. George,
March the 8th. 1710.

To JERIMIAH HARRISON ESQ^{R}. OF

OUR COUNCILL AT FORT S^{T}. GEORGE DEPUTY GOV^{R}. OF YORK FFORT & SUPERVISOR FOR ALL AFFAIRS OF THE HONBLE Y^{E}. COURT OF DIRECT^{RS}. OF THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCH^{TS}. OF ENGLAND TRADING TO Y^{E}. EAST INDIES AT BENCOOLEN & ALL THEIR OTHER SETTLEM^{TS}. ON Y^{E}. WEST COAST OF SUMATRIA AND COUNCILL.

S^{rs}.

N°. 30 After so long a time as since the 22^{d}. of July in the year 1702 when both Companies old and new were happyly united & incorporated into one body politque by the known name of the Court of Managers for Affairs of y^{e}. United East India trade and y^{n}. they form'd a method & a new Scheme for the the better regulating of their Affairs in all their severall places and Settlements in India by wch. Bencoolen or York fort and all the other subfactories on the west Coast of Sumatria were orderd and made independant to Fort S^{t}. George & have continu'd so, ever since the year 1703 that those orders reachd'em at York Fort till by their Gen^{ll}. Lett^{r}. by the Heathcote dated in London the 9th. February 1708—the Honble. Company have putt York Fort under the Controll of their Presid^{t}. and Councill here, and y^{t}. the West Coast of Sumatria, is now as formerly made subordinate to Fort S^{t}. George, having premised thus much the next that falls under our consideration is to trace back by takeing clear inspection into all the severall strange and unwarrantable practices of those Settlem^{ts}. during the whole time of their being independant to Fort S^{t}. George wch. occasiond to great a mismanagem^{t}. of Affairs in all those settlem^{ts}. so that all their transactions was foreign to us as not having seen any of their books of acco^{ts}. as beleiv^{g}. 'emselves not accountable to us for any thing they did or shoud do, any otherwise than by their presumption of drawing so many heavy Bills of Exchange upon us for which they had no ord^{rs}. nor we to accept 'em, but the powerfull motive that then prevaild for our accepting, and paying their Bills, was their urgent necessity for supplies hence, to enable 'em to buy up the Pepper Cropps (wch. were plentifull) and to maintain and pay the Garrison and other incidant Charges this was the face and out side of their pretences for drawing upon us, where under hand there was such a sympathy and correspondence between Fort S^{t}. George and York Fort, for the proffitt and benefitt of some perticular persons y^{t}. those Gentlemen at Bencoolen bought up those Cargoes of coars bales goods sent hence with the advance of 30 ℔ Cent on the Fort St^{t}. George Invoice and their amount by a strange Metaphor was said to be those severall sums of Doll^{rs}. receivd into the Honble. Companies Cash at York Fort, which form'd and gave being to those Bulkey Bills they so frequently drew upon us payable to severall perticular persons here, till at last the Honble. Company for once and for all positively forbid us accepting or paying any such Bills for the future as never having had their ord^{r}. for those severall Bills wee have had.

The last Gen^{ll}. Lett^{r}. hence to York Fort was of the 10th. Aprill last by the Presid^{t}. Charles Hopkins Master on whom wee laded a Cargoe amo^{t}. to Pag^{s}. 5267 : 31 : 5. of which Pag^{s}. 3208 : 31. was in Long Cloth white ordinary, as ℔ Copie of that Ships Invoice herewith sent you, wee likewise send you Copie (if can be gott ready) at least abstract of all the severall Invoices of Cargoes that have been sent hence on the Companies acco^{t}. consignd to York Fort ever since those Settlem^{ts}. became independant to Fort S^{t}. George since our aforesaid Gen^{ll}. Letter by the Presid^{t}. wee have of Yo^{rs}. the follow^{g}. Viz^{t}. that of the 14th. Aprill last sign'd by M^{r}. Skingle and the since secluded Councill M^{r}. Griffith, M^{r}. Daniel and M^{r}. Garrett the next after was of the 16 May last signed by M^{r}. Skingle and 3 more of a new sett of Councill, in which they mention not so much as one word of the secluded Councill nor any reason given for their having elected a new sett.

Wee likewise rec^{d}. a Seperatte Lett^{r}. from the dismiss'd Councill Sign'd by M^{r}. Griffith M^{r}. Daniell and M^{r}. Garrett all which came to our hands on the 30th. September last ℔ the Morning Starr Via Bengall.

Their next Lett^{rs}. was of the 10th. & 14th. August last ℘ the Essex Via Fort S^{t}. David, Capt Lampthorn.

By all which wee may be observd how all things are in confusion and out of order amongst you first as to yor. Governm^{t}. by shuffling and turning out the old Councill, and electing and taking in others in their stead, which is a matter of Dangerous and pernitious consequence to the Companies affairs so far as such practices tend only to make the head absolute and arbitrary which is no ways consistant either with the Honble. Companies Interest or their ord^{rs}. and now M^{r}. Skingle came to take so much upon him shall be an Article for your further inquiry wee having seen nothing of M^{r}. Skingles Pen or writing, so much to the Purpose and matter of fact as is that of the Seperate Lett^{r}. of the secluded Councill dated the 13th. May last aforesaid.

Your lavish and profuse Expenses and Charges hath been nothing else but a continued flux that hath draind and consumed all the Stores goods and Treasure that hath been sent you, to a very small reserve that hath been invested in Pepper, and that neither enough nor timely sent home by which the Demorage (that eating Canker in the Companies Estate) hath devoured and swallow'd up the whole Cargo, wittness the Nothumberland dispatchd the 6 of June or July last if wee remember right thô with 6 Ton of Pepper more y^{n}. w^{t}. lett out for as you say, your troubles and imbroyles with the Natives and Country Governm^{t}. if of bad consequence, even tho' it be but amongst 'emselves their revenge being rather the burning of one anothers houses and destroying each other Pepper Plantation y^{n}. in any blood or slaughter, wee desire to be perfectly and impartially inform'd of the orrignall Causes and first springs that gave being to 'em, and what you think may be the best and most proper remidies to put an End to those troubles seeing wee are in the dark as having been forreigne to all your affairs for so many years past, as you have been independant & thought Yo^{r}. selves not any way's accountable to Fort S^{t}. George by which there has been so much mismanagem^{t}. as has well nigh ruin'd all the Companies affairs in all their Settlem^{ts}. on the West Coast of Sumatria in so much as there has not been little more then the shadow of any modell or scheme of a true & right Governm^{t}. in any of its parts whether Eeconomy Pollitical or Millitary, or hardly amongst some, but Practices brings that pure & holy Religeon wee profess into slight and contempt in the Eyes of the Genteels amongst whom wee live, whose better morals ('ts our shame be it spoken) many Christians come shorte of by all which you have so degenerated) y^{t}. Yo^{r}. whole constitution is all out of frame and of the Hinges.

Now for a remedy against all such Evils & the many Errors that have crept in amongst your Predecessors, which your Practice is a Copie of.

Wee have therefore constituted and appointed Jeremiah Harrison Esqr. one of our Councill to be Deputy Govr. of York Fort Supervisor and Cheif of all Affairs of the R^{t}. Honble. Comp^{y} both civill and military on the West Coast of Sumatria, to whom (w^{n}. he judges it for the Companies Interest) We have given Power with one or more of the Councill as he shall think fitt not only to change or alter the Station or Employs of any in the Companys Service but likewise to suspend, remove or dismiss out of the Councill or out of the Companys service all such as he or shall they see good Cause for their so doing, as may more fully appear by our commission bearing date at Fort S^{t}. George the 10 of March 1710 and tho wee have namd severall persons in his said Commission to be of Councill yett such only as he or they shall think fitt to make choice of shall be accounted the Establishd Councill, of York Fort &c^{a}. places and so to Continue untill the R^{t}. Honble. Companies ord^{rs}. or ours be further known according to the tenor of his said Commission, but than any Person or Persons that thinks himself any ways aggrievd by virtue of the Power granted to the Deputy Governour and Supervisor hath free liberty to make his own defence and clear himself if he can, of which wee ourselves will be the Judges or lett him or Them be sent to Fort S^{t}. George till when all such Persons as shall be removd, suspended or dimiss'd the Honble. Companies service as aforsaid shall stand good and Valid or anything Else that may most contribute to the well regulating & reforming the Extravagances of all those Factories on the West Coast.

Wee do positively ord^{r}. and injoyn that all Money paid out of Cash to any Person or on any acco^{t}. w^{t}.ever, be done in Consultation assigning the reasons of and for such payments taking each person receipt in the receipt book for all such payments as shall be issu'd out of Cash and the acco^{t}. Cash to be read monthly in Consultation.

The accountant should read his Journall ℘cells Monthly.

The warehousekeeper is to keep an exact acco^{t}. of all manner of Goods he receives in his possession and keeping and of whom or by whatship, with a just acco^{t}. of what goods he is order'd to sell and dispose of with regard to the Day of the month on the left Side Mergin with the Quantitys and Quality, to whom sold and for what and this his acco^{t}. to be read monthly in Consultation.

The like wee say of the Storekeeper that he buy not stores of any kind till first agreed & order'd in Consultation and to keep a true and just acco^{t}. of all w^{t}. so bought by him and of whom with their Cost which are to be read monthly in Consultation.

The like wee say of the Paymaster so far as he may be concerned in his Employ of buying in any stores for the Garrison, and that he be not impos'd on by any false muster Rolls the Cheif of Millitary officers wou'd Perswade him to.

Lett Copies of your Cash acco^{ts}. and the Warehouse Storekeep^{r}. and pay master books of acco^{ts}. Sent to Fort S^{t}. George as opportunity shall offer as well as their other Copies to be sent for England.

Wee would have a just true Register kept of the deaths and births of all your male and female Negroes and other Slaves.

Wee transport to you upon this Ship the ffrederick three condemnd Natives to be us'd by you as Slaves according to a Judgem^{t}. past upon 'em here some time ago their names are Viz^{t}. Terrivingulum, Vingatau, Mira.

Wee send you 10 English & 14 Topass Sold^{rs}. who are advanc'd 2 Months pay as you'll see ℘ the inclos'd List.

Wee send you upon the Fredercik Salt Petre, Red wood, white long Cloth ordinary and treasure to the amo^{t}. of Pag^{s}. 19443 : 6 : 4 as ℘ Invoice and bill of Lading, to inable you to the timely dispatching of a full Laden Ship for England, but we wou'd have you return to us back the Frederick whom wee hope God willing to dispatch next october for England, unless it shou'd happen that you have more pepper y^{n}. Tonadge lying upon yor. hands which wee think is Seldome or never your Case.

The Company Complains much of your Pepper as being very faul and dusty wch. is a great Loss to 'em because the dust makes both bulk and weight for wch. they pay freight & Custome as if it were all Clean pepper whereas the Mallabar Pepper is allways very clean pray let this be remedyed for the future.

Wee have entertain'd as a factor in the Comp^{as}. Service to Serve at the west coast for the space and terme of three years M^{r}. Will: Touglass, likewise Daniell Evans the Companys covenanted Servt. from England came out a writer and now made a factor to whom wee have advanc'd Pag^{s}. 30 to be deducted out of his west Coast salary as the same shall become due.

Wee have also entertaind George Turvill a Writer to Serve the Company three Years on the West Coast at the usuall sallary paid there.

Wee do hereby ord^{r}. and appoint Capt. Rich^{d}. Phrip Second of Councill and next to the Deputy Govr. Harrison during the time he shall stay at York Fort notwithstanding of any thing in our Commission to the Country.

Wee have advanc'd Capt. Phip. (*sic*) Pags. 100 in part for his dieting our Soldrs. at 4 fanams ꝑ Diem.

Those in the List of Soldrs. who are mark'd wth. a Cross thus X you are but to allow half pay, because the other half is to be paid to their wife and familys here wee commend you to the Almighty's good guidance, and remain

Srs.

Yor. affectiont. ffriends & humble. Serrts.

WILL: FRASER.
WILL: MARTIN.
ROBr. RAWORTH.
THOs. FREDERICK.
RICHD. HUNT.
EDWD. BULKLEY.
WILL: JENNINGS.
WILL: WARR.

FORT Sr. GEORGE
MARCH 10TH. 1710.

LIST OF YE. PACKETT TO YORK FORT ꝑ FREDERICK.

1. Genll. Lettr. to York Fort dated 10 March 1709/10.

2. Invoice of Treasure & goods Laden on the Frederick amot. to Pags. 19433 : 6 : 4.

3. Bill of Lading of Do.

4. Copys of Messrs. Cross and Hoyles instructions.

5. Copie of Ship Fredericks Charterparty.

6. Copie of the Paragraphs of the Honble. Managers Lettr. relating to the West Coast.

7. Copie Invo. of Ship President.

8. List of Soldrs. on the Frederick for Bencoolen.

9. Mr. Evans receipt for Pags. 30 advanc'd him.

10. Abstract of the Westmorlands Invo. from Bengll. to ye. West Coast.

11. Copy of York Fort Genll. Sign'd by ye. Govr. and ye. old Councill dated Aprill 14 1709/10.

12. Copie of a Lettr. from ye. Secluded Councill at York Fort dated 13 of May 1709.

13. Copie of York Fort Genll. signd by the Governr. and ye. new Councill dated 10 May 1709.

14. Copie of York Fort Genll. Lettr. dated August 10 1709 recd. ꝑ Ship Essex.

15. Accot. of wt. has been sent hence for York Fort since June 1704.

16. Copie of a Paragraph of Fort St. George Genll. to York Fort dated Aprill the 16 1709 relatings to Capt. Atkins.

17. List of the Packett.

TO CAPT. RICHD. PHRIP COMMANDER
OF SHIP FREDERICK.

I having loaden on board yor. Ship wt. wee design to be Laden for York Fort No. 31
wee order you on receipt hereof to repair on board and with the first opportunity of wind and weather to weigh anchor sett sayle and make ye. best of yor. way directly for the most speedy attaining the Port of York ffort where wn. arriv'd you are to follow the ordrs. of Jeremiah Harrison Esqr. (who goes our Deputy Govr. of York

Fort) &c[a]. Councill there for the time being as they shall Judge most for the Companys Interest & if they shall require it you must send ashoar to their assistance 21 men as mention'd in yo[r]. Charter party there takes his Passage on yo[r]. Ship M[r]. Jeremiah Harrison whom wee have appointed Deputy Gov[r]. of York Fort to whom you are to give the Chain on board yo[r]. Ship to treat wth. that respect as is due to his Charecter there are also (Severall of the R[t]. Hon[ble]. Companys Serv[t]. & Sold[rs]. who goe Passengers on yo[r]. Ship to whom wee desire you'll give the best accommodation you can) there are also three Persons that have been guilty of Severall Heinous Crimes for which they were adjudged to be Slaves to the Hon[ble]. Company and transported to the West Coast w[ch]. you are likewise to receive on board DD to the Deputy Gov[r]. &c[a]. Councill there wee likewise desire you will See care bee taken y[t]. y[e]. Provisions layd in for the Company Servants be neither Spoyld nor Embazeld and the better to avoid any disagreem[t]. that may happen between our Sould[rs]. and yo[r]. People wee have agree[d] according to your desire to allow you 4 fanams ℘ Each untill your arrivall at the aforesaid Port or to the time of their decease wee wish you a good Voyage and date this in Fort S[t]. George the 10 Day of March Anno 1709/10.

WILL : FRASER.
WILL : MARTIN.
ROB[T] : RAWORTH.
THO[S]. FREDERICK.
RICH[D]. HUNT.
EDW[D]. BULKLEY.
WILL : JENNINGS.
WILL : WARR.

LIST OF PAPERS D[D]. TO JEREMIAH HARRISON ESQ[R].
DEPUTY GOV[R]. OF YORK FORT.

N°. 1 Commission for appointing y[e]. Presid[t]. and Councill of Fort S[t]. George dated 21st. January 1708.

2. Companys Gen[ll]. Letter to the Fort dated 4th. Febry. 1708.
3. Commission for appointing Jeremiah Harrison Esq[r]. Deputy Gov[r]. and Superviser of York Fort &c[a].
4. Instructions to Jeremiah Harrison Esq[r]. Depu[ty]. Govern[r]. of York Fort &c[a].
5. Commission appointing [*Lacuna*] Lieutenant at York Fort.
6. List of the Packett.

RULES ORD[RS]. & INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY US THE PRESID[T]. & COUNCILL OF FFORT S[T]. GEORGE TO JEREMIAH HARRISON ESQ[R]. DEP[TY]. GOVERN[R]. OF YORK FORT AT BENCOOLEN SUPERVISOR & CHEIF FOR ALL AFFAIRS BOTH CIVILL AND MILLITARY OF THE HON[BLE]. COURT OF DIRECT[RS]. OF THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

FORT S[T]. GEORGE 10TH MARCH 1709/10.

No. 32 The Hon[ble]. Company having in their Gen[ll]. Letter of the 3[d]. July 1706 to M[r]. Cross and Hoyle given their ord[rs]. and directions so fully for the discovery of the many gross Errours and frauds that have been begun and carry'd on in a continu'd practice by so great a misamanagement of the Companies Affairs ever Since York Fort &c[a]. Settlements on the West Coast of Sumatria became independent to Fort S[t]. George that wee shall have the less of our own to give you in Charge, their Hon[rs]. ord[rs]. and directions being so well calculated to all circumstances that shall fall under your consideration as will render yo[r]. Examination upon the whole very Easy notwithstanding of which wee shall in the use and exercise of our thoughts find Cause to give you in Charge and require of you that a Strict inquiry & examination be made into all the matters wee Shall lay before you which are the following Viz[t].

Whereas Severall Cargoes of long Cloth belonging to ꝑticular ꝑsons at Fort S^{t}. George hath been Sent and bought up at York fort at 30 ꝑcent on the Madrass Invoice and carried into the Companys Godowns and then past under a strange transmutation of their Cost in Dollars and to have been rec^{d}. and paid into the Companys Cash of the Persons of whom bought tho the species and Quallitys not chang'd and remaind Bales in their Godowns for which supposs'd and immaginary mony receiv'd into the Companys Cash they give the Sellers their Bills of Exchange drawn upon the Presid^{t}. and Counc^{ll}. at Fort S^{t}. George payable to the Severall and respective concern'd here, by which it may be observ'd y^{t}. those Goods so bought and paid for by the Company here became *ipso facto* the goods and reall property of the Honble. Companys but the confideracy of those at York fort dispos'd of those Goods with the advance of 30 or 40 ꝑ Cent more to the Natives and in buying and bartering for those Nagro Salves and in paying their Coolys &c^{a}. by which means for their own private advantage they bought the Companys Cash allways indebted to 'emselves by so much as such Sales, barter, or payment made as aforesaid exceeded the first imaginary money bought into their Cash there, which was really in Effect useing the Companys Cash, and turning the same to their own private ungodly Gains a plain instance and proofs of this you'll find in the Secluded Councills Letter dated the 13 May last where they Say that of 24 Chests of Treasure which wee may call lb. 24000 no more then two Chests went to buy Pepper Copie of said Lett^{r}. wee deliver you with severall other Papers, for you Guidance and bett^{r}. inquiry into the Labyrinth of the Practices of the former as well as the Present Gentlemen who have so much or almost [...] ruind all the Companies affairs by so gross a mismanagement of theirs.

Wee recommend to yor. Care to retrench all Extravagant charges and Expences and reduce the same to a just and necessary frugallity and that on Exact acco^{t}. of all Charges and Expences be kept a part so long a space of time as may keep even pace with the first buying and coming in of Yo^{r}. Pepper untill it comes up to the Quantity of a full Loading of any Ship of 200 or 250 or 300 ton by which your Expences compar'd with the time requir'd in bringing in the aforesaid Quantitys of Pepper may be cast into the Prime cost of the Quantity of Pepper by which it may be known how much Each pound of Pepper stands the Company when laden on board at York Fort for England which if Such Charges upon the whole Quantitys comes up to a half a Penny ꝑ Pound with the foulness and dust of the Pepper for all which they pay freight Custome and duties the Company will hardly be gainers at the begginning of those Settlements the agreem^{t}. contracted for all Pepper bought of the Natives for acco^{t}. of the Company was to be paid one moiety in Dollars and the other moiety in long Cloth and if wee remember right at Doll^{rs}. 90 ꝑ Corge of long Cloth ordinary.

At Bentall &c^{a}. Northren factorys the same at which place wee Say Bentall the pepper was bought by measure that is 200 bamboes to the Bahar Each bamboe in Measure weighing three pound three ounces wch. afterw^{ds}. reduc'd to weight made pounds 637 to y^{e}. Bahar all which matters Capt. Phrip by his long Experience in Voyaging to those Parts will be of good use to you.

You will observe by our Invoice how our Mallay fanams are rated and how many tola Dollars you are to take notice how many they pass for a Dollar in buying and payments at the West Coast and w^{t}. becomes of the benefitt of the Exchange made of them.

Wee would have you encourage the Chinees to the Planting of Indico and Sugar Canes the west Coast being much the Same good Soil as that of Java which produce the former little inferiour to that of Cahore and the Sugar nothing worse but equall and better to the best that comes from China.

Let there be always two Keys to the Companys Cash Chest one to be kept by the Dep^{y}. Govern^{r}. for the time being and the other by the Second and lett the reall ballance of the Companys Cash be owned monthly as the time of the acco^{t}. Cash being read in Consultation that the reall true ballance may appear in certain view to the Councill so as to agree with the Cash book ballance there are Severall other matters

which yor. own observation on the Place will lead you into a more perfect inquiry which cant occure to our thoughts at present, wee expect and require of you an exact account to be given us in writing of all yor. proceedings. Wee are

Yor. loving friends
WILL: FRASER.
WILL: MARTIN.
ROBT. RAWORTH.
THOS. FREDERICK.
RICHD. HUNT.
EDWD. BULKLY.
WILL: JENNINGS.
WILL: WARR.

TO EDMOND MOUNTAGUE ESQR.

DEPUTY GOVR. OF FFORT ST. DAVID &CA. COUNCILL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
MARCH 15TH. 1709/10.

SRS.

No. 33 The 12th Currant brought us Yours of the 9th. of the same with the severlls. inclos'd to all which wee shall now give answer.

Your Severll. Bills to the amo . of Pags. 4211 : 34 wee have accepted and shall pay when able, as beleiving we can't square our compliance to the exact time limitted for Payment, our Cash being low at present, and the Severall branches of our revenues coming in but Slowly.

Wee wou'd have you adjust accots. with yor. Merchants that wee may see how matters Stand, between you & them as to the contract made with 'em on the 19th. October last for an Investment of Pags. 50000.

It is strange your Cloth still as it always did come so much short of our washing here, the rather because you have the advantage of a branch of the river from Trivindeparum which comes into yor. bounds wee would have this matter perfectly inquir'd into wth. incouragmt. to yor. poor Cooly washer that they be duly paid wt. they earn and that they be not defraud by their heads or Chiefs hath been a shamefull Practice (if not now) lately.

Pray advice us on all occasions the Quantity and Quallity of all the Cloth you have embald in yor. Godowns and wt. in the washers hands wch. wth. wt. wee do here, we may conjecture if wee can Send 5 or 600 bales of coarse Goods to Bengall as the Company direct for the like Quantity of Bales of fine Goods to be returnd us thence by Decemr. next if possible with out any prejudice to our intending a Ship hence God willing for England next October.

The wax and Packing Stuff you wrote for is ready and shall be Sent you So soon as any good Vessell offers for your Port.

Pray send us wt. Ink Glasses, Stands, Quills, Pounce, Wavers &ca. Stationary Ware you can Spare the Company having Sent us none but more especially that 2d. Seize & Sort of Paper which is less then what commonly us'd for yor. Genll. books of Accots. but larger than that little narrow paper us'd for Lettrs. which is best known by having the Stamps of the *flower delure* and the Crown for the Crest, which is the Paper yor. Genll. Lettr. last receivd if wee being in great want of ye. same for our Consultation books lett all be well packt up to be sent us by the Maddapollam Yautch so soon as you have got bales enough to fill her up.

There is with you in the Companys Service a Carpenter one Sackaia exquisitly Skill'd in designing, cutting and carving anything him wee would have you Send us hither because wee intend to build a handsome house at the Mount for the Conveniency of the Companys servts.

Wee have recd. & Read Padre Panto de Sao Petition to whom wee give leave according to his desire to come hither wn. wee shall use the means to understand his meaning better than what wee can do by his Petition.

That paper Signd by the Corporall & 4 Centinalls more call'd an attestation relating to Capt. Courtney is defective both in manner & form & looks no bettr. than what wee usually Say made under a Hedge, whereas their Examination ought to have been taken severally and apart in writing one by one before the Deputy Govr. in Publick and each Person to Signe and make Oath of wt they have declar'd to be true, which done Such Papers wou'd be call'd the Examinations and depotitions of Such Persons as had Sign'd respectively and if this Method had been taken in the Presence of Capt. Courtney it wou'd Easily have evinced that his having resisted the Guards order'd to confine him was a prologue to rebellion which by the Law martiall is Death.

Wee do thererefore ordr. and injoyn a just and impartiall Examination of the whole to be taken by the Deputy Govr. and Councill without prejudice favr. or affection to any partie and of the first Springs and Motives of that Quarrell between Capt. Rouch and Capt. Courtney, and Send us the Same fairly written and Sign'd by you all according to which wee here shall give our Judgmt. and advise you the same as our finall resolve, but wn. you have examind the whole matter wee would have you enlargd [Captn.] Courtney to his liberty with in [......] but without either Sword or Cane [......]ordr. Wee are

Srs.

Yor. affect. ffriends & humlle. Servts.

Will: Fraser.
William Martin.
Robt. Raworth.
Tho: Frederick.
Richd. Hunt.
Edwd. Bulkly.
Will: Jennings.
Will: Warr.

To the Hond. Joachim Colynes

Cheif for Affairs of the Rt. Honble. the
Netherlands East India Compay. &ca. Councill at Pollicat.

Our Hond. good ffriends

Gentlemen

Our answer to yor. former was of the 8th March old Style, in which wee were so plain as that wee thought it had given you full and ample Satisfaction to the Mallabar writing of yor. Salavar Cast of Weavers, as more at large expressed in a Jentue writing Sent inclosd in our Letter to you which were abstracts taken out of the old Books of Registers kept at Trivitore attested by so many of all Casts and Sign'd the Said Papper, since which to our great wonder you have sent us another Lettr. inclosing to us likewise another Mallabar writing from your Salavar Weavers desireing those of the Same Cast of Weavers here with those of the Jandruwar Cast of the Same trade and Craft in this place to go to congeverane and there to have the matter in dispute to be decided which is sometheg. to bold of 'em, when the said writing sent 'em mentiond the Choultrys of all the other Severall Casts built in that space of distance of so much ground as is between [. . .] of the Sallavar and Jandruwar Casts in our town [. . .] they are both of 'em of the Right hand Cast [and] other Cast will adhere to 'em and wt. you [...] to say of any troubles that may ensue is [am] usement, wee remember that aboute some [...] and half ago there were some troubles a [bout] catle between the Rt. Hand Cast and those of the [Left] hand Cast wch. were all composd And Settld amongst 'emselves by [. . .] without ever going to Congeveran [. . .] indulge 'em in all their No. 34

ancient, [. . .] according to Salamsalabad but at the same time [We should] be masters of our own Rules & ord[rs]. within our own Government, wee are most respectfully with all Sincerity

Our honoured good friends

Yo[r]. very lov[s]. friends and very humb[ble]. Serv[ts].

FORT S[T]. GEORGE
MARCH 24TH. 1709/10.

WILL: FRASER.
WILL: MARTIN.
ROB[T]. RAWORTH.
THO: FREDERICK.
RICH[D]. HUNT.
EDW[D]. BULKLEY.
WILL: JENNINGS.
WILL: WARR.

No. 35

To JOHN RUSSELL ESQ[R]. ABRAHAM ADDAMS ESQ[R].
M[R]. EDW[D]. PATTLE. M[R]. JOSIAH CHITTY.
M[R]. WILL: BUGDEN. M[R]. JAMES LOVE.
M[R]. SAMUELL B[LOUNT]. M[R]. WILL: LOYD.

COUN[CILL FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE] UNITED [TRADE IN BENGALL].

[. . . .] the 17th. January by the white Raven wee rec[d]. on the [...] the 19th february with so much Satisfaction as that you [...] dispatchd the Stretham, the Herne in December Last and the Recovery in January all of 'em early and full Laden God Grant 'em all to arrive in Safety at their desird Port but that w[ch]. compleates the full measure of our Joy is that the Master and Commander of the white Raven faithfull assure us that the Loyall Bliss was arrivd and that he himself went on board her this was some time about the Latter end of Jan[ry]. and as so some Days after the Date of yo[r]. Gen[ll]. Letter this good News has remov'd all our former fears and Doubts for all which God be prais'd.

There has not yett arriv'd this Port any Ship from yo[r]. Place belonging to the English, Since the white Raven, but wee hope by this time you are dispatching to us the Hallifax a Cargo of Rice as formerly advis'd you the Companies acco[t]. and wee wish you would encourage and perswade any others to Send w[t]. rice or other grain they can hither and tho' wee can not Say our late famin continues, yet wee Labour under the difficulties of death and Scarcity which here, as in all places in the world, doth first and most Sensibly Effect and per[mit] the poorrer Sort, which all well constituted G [overnment] ought early to forsee [and pr]event.

On the [. . . despat]chd hence the Frederick [. . .] Bencoolen on her wee sent [. . .] Jeremiah Harrison by name to [. . .] by our Commission Extraor[y]. York Fort Superintendant [. . .] affairs of the Hon[ble]. [. . .] Millitary of all their Settlements on the west Coast of Sumatria [. . .] Subordinate to Fort S[t]. George [. . .] may be so regulated as to reduce [. . .] those Settlem[t]. into a moderate [. . .].

Wee hope to send you in May [or] June next some Quantity of Bales as you desire and as the Company have directed when wee shall be able to tell you what provision wee can make to dispatch the Frederick upon her return hither some time next October for England.

Here have arriv'd Since the 9 Ins[t]. at this Port and belonging to this Place Viz[t]. 3 Ships from Manilla with the Lamentation of a bad Markett, one small Ship of the Portegues at Maccaw and the Malbrough from Canton all very well the Tonqueen Merchant wee dayly Expect.

And just now at writing this advices from Trincombare Says that the Swift Stakes from Bengall arriv'd that Port on the 18th. past by whom wee hope to hear from you.

Wee send you the enclosd abstracts of new[s] from Europe via Suratt, we are most respectfully

S^rs^.

Yo^r^. affection^t^. ffriends
& hum^ble^. Servants
WILL: FRASER.
WILL: MARTIN.
ROB^T^. RAWORTH.
THO^S^. FREDERICK.
RICH^D^. HUNT.
EDW^D^. BULKLY.
WILL: JENNINGS.
WILL: WARR.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
17 [MARCH 1709-10].

[TO EDM^D^.] MOUNTAGUE ESQ^R^.
[DEP^T^. GOV^R^. &] COUNCILL AT FORT S^T^. DAVID.

S^RS^.

Yo^rs^. of the 23^d^. Ins^t^., in answere to ours of the 15th. of y^e^. Same we rec^d^. the 25th. with the inclos'd Papers all which were read yesterday in Consultation. No. 36

Wee were well pleas'd wth. the acco^ts^. you give us of yor. Merchants being so forw^d^. as that w^t^. goods you have embal'd and in the washers hands will compleet their Contract of Pag^s^. 50000 made in October last, and have according to yor. desire sent you out of our Gunroom a Tandell and 9 Lascars to take charge of the Maddapollam Yatch so soon as you have bales enough to fill her, with regard to the full moon wch. may be about the latter End of this or beginning of Next Month, the name of wch. in Severall former years hath produc'd Such storms as have often prov'd fatall to most Ships then in this road and has left us the dire remembrance to give you y^s^. Notice Inclos'd comes Invoice and Bill of Lading of Paking Stuff and Bees wax [. . .] Country Boat amounting to [. . .] which Creditt [. . .] well penetrated in [. . .] Washers or that the [. . .] yor. Sight by means of that [. . .] llow Vincaty Kissna [. . .] manifestly appear [. . .] Paper Sent the Presid^t^., [. . .] of yor. head Washers where [. . .] that the said Kissna had Extorted [. . .] upwards of Pag^s^. 500 besides w^t^. they gave him Voluntary [. . .] its origginall wee Send you [. . .] matter may be examind impa [. . .] Govr. and Councill in Consultation [. . .] acco^t^. of the same be sent us to be don to said Washers by a due restitution.

Its a Paradox to us that you say you cant inform yor. selves of the first Springs and Motives that occasion'd the Quarrell between Capt. Roach and Capt. Courtney in so long a time as was from y^e^. 23^d^. of January till about or near the middle of February last when y^e^. former came thence w^n^. both parties might have been fairly Examin'd before you, without partiality nor have you advis'd us anything of it in any of yor. Gen^ll^. Lett^rs^. till that of the 9th. Ins^t^. w^n^. you had taken the hint from that of ours to you of the 27th. last past, wee are sorry to Say that Such doings do cast a reflection on yor. Judgem^t^. in y^e^. act of Government.

Wee have read and Seriously considerd all the Severall Evidence against Capt. Courtney which is Sufficient enough of it Self, but more Especially Capt. Courtneys own confession at the time of the Ex[amination ...] of the Evidence w^n^. he Said that cou'd [. . .] out of [...] Centinels hands he [. . .] Capt. Davis with it all [. . . co]urtneys to be of a to [. . .] and dangerous Principle [. . .]

he shou'd be any longer intrust [. . .] itary in any Garrison belo [. . .] in these parts, belonging [. . .] Governmt of Fort St. George [. . .] the whole tis unanimously agreed and resolv'd [that] the said Capt. Hercules Courtney be dismiss'd the [Honble.] Companys Service and from Exercising any Power Millitary or otherwise by Virtue of any former or later Commission to him granted and that all Such Commissions are hereby declar'd void Null and of none Effect, to all intents and purposes and that all manner of pay or any other allowances wt. ever do cease from the 23d. Inst. hence forward, and this is the judgemt. of this board which wee require you to make known to the Said Capt. Hercules Courtney.

The Honble. Company have orderd. us to take an Exact accot. of all and wt. ever the Ship Concord Shou'd import here, and we require the like of you as to wt. the Said Ship might have imported at yor. place in October last when there to the Intent the same may be sent to ye. Company of which pray fail not.

Yor. Bill for Pags. 3000 Shall be accepted when presented and paid when due pray Send us yor. accot. of Charges Diet from t[he] ultimo September last to the po. next Aprill.

Wee [. . .] again in 3d. or 4th. day hence at [. . .] intends to Sett [. . .]

[...] freinds & humble. Servts.

FORT ST. GEORGE
MARCH 28TH. 1710.

WILL: FRASER.
WILL: MARTIN.
ROBT: RAWORTH.
THOS. FREDERICK
RICHD. HUNT.
EDWD. BULKLEY.
[WILL: JENNINGS].
[WILL: WARR].

TO EDMD. MOUNTAGUE ESQR.

D. G. &CA. COUNCILL AT FORT ST. DAVID.

Sr.

No. 37 You are on receipt here to send to these Places Serjt. Benjamine Hobbs.

By ordr. of the Govr. & Councill

FORT ST. GEORGE
MARCH 30TH. 1710.

WILL: WARR.
Secry.

TO FRANCIS HASTINGS ESQR.

CHIEFF &CA. COUNCIL ATT VIZAGAPM.

Srs.

No. 38 The 24th. this month brot. Us Yors. of the 2d. and 7th. of the Same, to which wee shall give answer more fully, by Some Sea Conveyance of a Boat [d]esign'd hence in 2 days; or three for York ffort, and believe that off Compa [. .] gas may be the first; and [. . .] rive You before this [. . .] ours till wt. now recd. later then the 27th. Jany. [last] which ours of the 25th. ffebruary by the Rising Sun Smack gave answere whom wee hope long [......] may be safely arriv'd with you but wee are s[ure] that these troubles and difficulties under wr[itten] you have so long labour'd under Still continue, but it wou'd have been much more effectuall and better to the purpose had you Sent Jugapa yt. arch Braminy to have

given us a Speciman of those abilities you so much [praise] him for, as we order'd in ours of the 25th. past which wee now enjoin you agen, rather than the Padree and Dubash you Sent as the Event prov'd.

Private Letters from Bengall advise the Loyal Bliss to have been arrivd there about the Latter End of January and that they wou'd dispatch her a full Laden Ship for England about the 20 ffebruary, and the Hallifax for this Place, about the po. March with Salt Petre, rice and Bales.

Wee are advis'd of [a Py]rate about 9 or 10 Days ago having seen [......] of Zelon a Nimble good Sayler with a red En[......] in it 4 balls one in Each Corner which [......] gerous to the Ex[..............] Ship [......] on the other Side.

[......]

[Your] lovg. friends & humble. Servts.

[...].

WILL: FRASER.
WILL: MARTIN.
ROBT. RAWORTH.
THOS. FREDERICK.
RICHD. HUNT.
EDWD. BULKLEY.
WILL: JENNINGS.
WILL: WARR.

TO MR. PHILIP NODEN
AT METCHLEPATAM.

FORT ST. GEORGE
[April...1710]

Wee are now with Severall of yors. [Letts] of the [13th 17th] & 23d. March last, to all which wee shall now answer at once. No. 39

Yors. of the 13th. advices the Gusbardar Still continuing troublesome and vexatious to you which wee beleive but his Lettr. to the presidt. by yor. Peons recd. here about Some 3 or 4 days agoe shews him to be more moderate and of so good temper as that he is willing to proceed to Bengall in Company with the Prest. for wch. purpose wee Shall order a ship now in this road, bound for Bengall in a few days to touch in her way at yor. Port and there to take in and receive on board all the Severall ℘ticulars that make up the whole ℘sent according to an Invoice which either now or soon after this shall be Sent you, with an acceptable present to the Gusbardar by the Ship wee intend for yor. Port as aforesaid wee are now busy in [tr]anslating two lists of the Present in the Pe[rsion Language to be interchangeably [signd & deliver'd] between you and the Gusbardar, that [...] of the same tenore and date you are [. . . . .] to deliver the Gusbardar and [. . . . .] deliverd to you [. . . . .] Four first 50 Pags. taken up & after that Pags. 150 shall be paid to those that have yor. or their order to whom due as you desire.

Upon yor. so much complainining to us of the Muddapollam Braminy relating to the Armenian &ca. the Presidt. wrote him a Letter to which he sent his answere, with two of yors. to him which being translated and read to us they recoyle back with reflection on yor. Self because yor. said Letters, ordrs. the braminy to let the Armenian have leave to build boates and Pinnaces with in the Verge of the Companys ground, and to lend him tables & Chair's out of the Factory, Such doings Shew more of the Spleen than any Just Cause you had to accuse the Braminy of, unless you first impeach yor. own Lettrs. and ordrs. to him, by wch. he acted.

Wee inclose to you the Quantity and quality of the Metchlepatam Chey goods, the Company require to be provided for 'em, but not at the rate as bought by Mr. Lovell the dearest or by Messrs. Facquet or Fruen, the Cheaper than the former yet unless they can [be procurd] 20 ℘ Cent Cheaper than the later [. . . . .] medle with 'em the Company [. . . . .].

The President Sends by this [. . . . .] Gusbardar which with the Pres^{t}. [. . . . .] himself may be a meanes to [. . . . .] his good temper wee shall suddenly write [...] by the Ship that calls at yor. Port for the Present to the king to go to Bengall as aforesaid, and in the mean time remain

S^{r}. yor. Loving ffriends,

WILL : FRASER.
WILL : MARTIN.
ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.
THO^{S}. FREDERICK.
RICH^{D}. HUNT.
EDW^{D}. BULKLEY.
WILL : JENNINGS.
WILL : WARR.

TO FRANCIS HASTINGS ESQ^{R}.
&C^{A}. COUNCILL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
APRIL 1709–10.

No. 40 [. . . . .] the Companys great discreditt and yor. shame, thus on yor. Lett^{r}. to which wee Say now as formerly that had you sent the Late Govr. Addisons Lett^{r}. to the Nabob and not to have detain'd it as you did as likewise a former from Govr. Pitt, in both wch. Lett^{rs}. the point in dispute between the Nabob & the deceas'd M^{r}. Holcombe was so clearly and fully Stated as to have Sett all that matter in a true light to the Nabob and then there wou'd have bin no need of their weak allegation which you recite in your Second Paragraph of Yo^{r}. said Letter which Says the Company ought to pay and make full Satisfaction to the Nabob for the Debt owing to him by M^{r}. Holcombe but we know better, & Say that if the Nabob had Sent his money to y^{e}. Company so as to have bin received into their Cash and enterd in their books of acco^{ts}. & that the Cheif and Councill had given their bond sign'd joyntly with the Companys Seal afixt, then the same must have bin a just Debt on the Company, and in point of conscience, justice and Hon^{r}. they must and wou'd have paid & the right of this our argument cant seem Strange to the Nabob w^{n}. it is so well known to the Companys Serv^{ts}. Such as yor. debashes Ca[ncoplys] and Bramines, that all aff[airs] of the Companys [such] as contracts issuing out [......... m]oney [. . . . .] money is or ought to be [. . . . .] Council in Consultation.

[. . . . .] titution of the Companys [. . . . .] factories, is so well known [. . . . .] as that wee think he shou'd [. . . . .] ₰son to have sent to [. . . . .] our argum^{t}. upon his own [. . . . .] and long experience in the [. . . . .].

Yo^{r}. former Letters advis'd that [. . . . .] your Port was so generous as to offer [. . . . .] Service in defence of yor factory and [. . . . .] are in hopes that all yor. troubles [. . . . .] upon the approach Habib Cawn to yor. parts that the Rising Sun Smack may be arriv'd with you wee see no Cause to alllow the Cheif any demorage for his Ship the Gajam Gally, whom wee imagine may have lain in the river to refitt and repair her damage upon her having run a ground on the North side of Deu point, and yet at the same time that you are beset with such troubles you wou'd have us Send you money enough to contract for a new Investment this of yor. is such a meddly and intermixture of fears & better hopes as that we can not make any true Essay of or bring to the Standart of reason however we conclude in this y^{t}. when yor. troubles are over and you can Show us good and

better grounds to make an Investm^{t}. with safety you shall not want our assistance in Supplying you, tho at the same time wee [...] the Company are almost a weary keeping in [the] factory [where] they reap no profitt. Wee are

[S^{rs}.

Yo^{r}. affec^{t}. ffriends & hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.]

WILL: FRASER.
WILL: MARTIN.
ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.
THO^{S}. FREDERICK.
RICH^{D}. HUNT.
EDW^{D}. BULKLEY.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
WILL: WARR.

F. S^{T}. G.
APRILL 10TH. 1709/10.

TO EDMOND MOUNTAGUE ESQ^{R}.

DEP^{TY}. GOVERN^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCILL
OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

S^{rs}.

Wee are now with Yo^{rs}. of the 13th. Currant, which came to our hands the 15th. next after, but yor. bill of Exchange, for pag^{s}. 300 drawn upon us Stay 3 or 4 days Longer before presented, which shall be paid to the mention'd. **No. 41**

We wish it may prove, as y^{o}. say that the Maddapollam Yaucht has rec^{d}. no Damage by her having been drove ashore by the Storme you had on y^{e}. 3^{d}. Ins^{t}. wch. yet we doubt untill you have cleard her of so much Sand blown into her as may hinder an exact Search & inspection of her inside Timbers, of wch. yor. next may better inform us wch. wee wou'd have you do with the greatest care in order to repair her well before you hazard lading any bales on her.

It is Surprising w^{t}. you write us of yor. head Washers denying [any] thing of their complaint in [hav]ing sent [...] against Kisna Per Ma [...] as the [...] brought the said writing [...] Sent him, he said [. . . . .] of Washers.

Complaint of the Washers begun to [. . . . .] latt^{r}. end of October last by y^{e}. [. . . . .] washers in whispers against all charges for defrauding 'em of their just [cause] wch. was soon quash'd by the Cheifs of the Cast and Kissna's art and Contr[ivances] sudden departure thence of the [. . .] hinder'd his making any disquiet [. . . . .] matter more than obliging Kissna [. . . . .] rity for his appearance.

Capt. James Hugonin having for so many years as he hath been in the Honble. Companys Military Service so well behav'd himself in all respects as that he justly deserves our fav^{r}. & Esteem & have therefor gratyfy'd and granted his request by allowing him the same as was to Captain Courtney before he was dismissd Viz^{t}. that he allow'd two Servants over and above his usuall standing pay, but wee wou'd have you take Notice that this being a Speciall fovour to Capt. Hugonin is not to be drawn into practice nor to be intaild to any his Successors for the future by Virtue of this.

M^{r}. Weld having on the 17th. past deliver'd in his Petition, requesting he may preceed M^{r}. Bulteel and take place next under M^{r}. Baker and wee having ℘ us'd the Generall Letter by the Heathcote wee find him appointed to be taken in [our] Councill upon the first Vacancy that should happen as it did by Messrs. Bridges and Faunce having Quittd the Honble. Companys Service wch. gave place and ℘cedence to M^{r}. Weld above M^{r}. Bulteel wch. wee wou'd have you do accordingly and to Continue him in his Employ of Land Custome of Coddalore and to be youngest Justice of the Choultry.

We resolve to bring your Choultry Courts into the manner and Method as has always been practiced here, that is to say, the 4th. of Councill, here of Course is 1st. Justice of the Choultry, but any of the Justices may committ a fellow if he See Cause, but if it be for a Crime that deserves either fine or other Corporall Punishmt. it is don by the Quorum sitting, and in Civill Cases of Meum and Tuum, the party thinking himself agreev'd may appeall to the Mayors Court, ys. has been the pratice here ever since the oldest of us can remember wee do not do this in any derogation to Mr. farmer in the Least, against whom wee never had any Complaint neither private nor Publick in any of his Employs, but wee Say if any shou'd find himself agreev'd by reason of a hard Judgemt. past against him in the Choultry, how shall the party appeal, the Deputy Govr. being Single alone and the Councill are ye. Justices the case thus stated makes the Question how the unfortunate may be eased and releivd, especially if passion or ℘judice should have the ascendant so much as to put truth and put reason out of Countenance wch. often happens wn. those passions run to Extreamity however the bounds of yor. Governmt. being of a larger Extent and not so compact as ours here, wee desire of yor. oppinion in yr. matter, as for Mr. Bulteel we neither do nor never did intend him to be made a Justice.

Wee woud have the Councill to Clear their accots. of their severall and respective Employs to as little a ballance as [. . . .] carn'd to the next genll. books wch. came [. . . .] po. May next for the Ensuing year [. . . .] all pray send us a list of all bad Debts with yor. reasons how they became [so] because the Company wou'd not have us swell up their books with any Such bad Debts as past recovery wee now ordd. you possitively to Establish Padre Don Simon De Costa in the Portuguez Church of Jeffnapatam, and ℘mitt Padre Paulo D Saw to injoy and possess his Church at Coddolore according to the agreemt. made here this Day between both ordrs. and dismish Padre Mannuel D'Silva forthwith for Such reasons as we shall give you here after. We are

Srs.

Yor. affectiont. good friend
and humble. Servants

WILL: FRASER.
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FORT ST. GEORGE
APRILL 22D. 1710.

To JOHN RUSSELL ESQR. | ABRAHAM ADDAMS ESQR.
MR. EDWD. PATTLE. | MR. JOSIAH CHITTEE.
MR. WILL: BUGDEN. | MR. JAMES LOVE.
MR. SAMUELL BLOUNT. | MR. WILL: LOYD.

COUNCIL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED TRADE IN BENGLL.

No. 42 Our last to this was of ye. 24th. last month by Essex Copie of wch. comes herewith in the close of wch. Letter we advisd the Swift Stakes from Port having been arriv'd at Trincombar on the 18th. last month, She brought us no generall Letter, so yt. wee have none of yors. upon our hands to answer that Ship was unfortunately drove a shore and broke to peices at Trincumbar in the great Storme that happen'd on the 2d. Instant about full moon and the Tonqueen Merchant by good providence very narrowly escap'd being lost, she arriv'd this Port on the 7th. Instant a very lame Ship having lost most of her Masts & ye. Morning Star being forc'd into 5 fathom water at Negapatam arrivd this Port the 5th. Instant a very maim'd Ship, the Swift [Stakes] men were all Sav'd but one Laskar that was drowned.

The Mores Ship that Capt. Hart carry'd hence to Bengall last September having lost her passage to Persia was drove a Shore and broke to peices at Porto Novo all her Cargo and most of her people being lost, while wee here had not any Least Damage for which God be prais'd.

Wee have no news from the other si[de others] then what the Charlton brought you a [shore...] hence 4th. Instant for yor. Port by whom wee [sent] you a Packett from the Honble. Court of Mannagers which came by the Godolbin Via Trincumbar.

We have resolv'd that the ℘sent designd for King Shallum which hath laid at Metchlepatam Since August last Shall be sent you, being in hopes it may meet Zoode Cawn there who will take care to forward it to Court, agreable to his own orders to us in that matter, but we shall find it hard for us to oblige any Country Ship hence bound for yor. Port to touch in her way at Metchlepatam Especially if they have any concern of treasure upon 'em as most have, but we are in dayly Expectation of the President from the West Coast, after so long a Voyage as since the 14th. April last that she sail'd hence, she was well at Batavia in October last, and in a few Days was to Sail thence for Bencoolen a long and tedious Voyage.

It is a surprising pleasure to us, the good News wee have by ℘vate and ℘ticular Lettrs. of yor. having dispatch'd Home the Loyall Bliss a full Laden Ship so soon after, She was arriv'd so late wth. you, but that she can have her passage is yt. wch. we very much doubt, wch. is yet rather possible than probable, but the measure of our Joy woud have bin compleat were the Hallifax arriv'd here.

There has arriv'd this Port about 6 or 7 weeks past a fair large Arab Ship of about 500 Tons the Noquedahs name is Sheik Abrahim an Inhabitant of Caung in Persia as appears by two Passes he hath produc'd to us, one from the Chief of the Portingall Nation residing of Caunge the othr. from the Dutch Chief or Director at Gombroon translate of the first wee send you, and the other wee got read to us, but cou'd not so conveniently get translated he hath desird our Pass for a longer Continuation of time wch. we have excus'd giving on the score he is none of our Inhabitants he hath not brought any thing hither prosperity call'd a Cargo but a few remains of Dates, Almonds, Persia fruit and a little Rosewater he hath carrid himself civill and quiet here & paid the Establishd duties of the Port, he is known to some more Merchants of this place who respect him as a fair trading Mercht. he is bound to yor. place with intention to Lade his Ship with a gross Cargo for Persia but we hope yor. wisdome and prudence will so ordr. mattrs. as that he may not be a rub or a block in ye. way to hindr. any of our mastrs. Ships getting a freight to Persia if any shoud hapen to be wth. you in the proper Season yt. you cou'd not otherwise bettr. dispose of.

We formerly advise you our having agreed to let out to freight the Ship Hallifax on a voyage to China for Pags. 8000 when wee requested yor. utmost endeavours to return her Early to us in wch. we do not doubt but that you did yor. best, but our agreemt. being conditionally as to point of time, and the Hallifax not yet arriv'd here and the season begining to be late gives great anxiety to the freighters & may turn their thoughts to resolve making a new Contract for a Danes Ship either for China or Persia which may give some more scope to the H[allifax] if happily she arrives to Nick the time by [...] before the Danes ship sail, hence for China wee Endeavr. to ℘vail with the freighters to Davort ye. [...] ship from Voyage to China in favour of the Hallifax but then we must in point of honr. & in faithfullness to our promise freight ye. Danes Ship for Persia, but if it shoul'd so happen that the Hallifax arrive here after the Dans Ship is gone hence for China, we must return her down to you again with wt. bales we can spare in ordr. to be dispatch'd by ys. for England thence proper season if possible or to be let out on freight to Persia, wch. last we think may be no hard matter for you to Effect when they have consider'd the ill fate of the Thoma lost and broke to peices at Porto Novo wth. a rich Cargo from Bengll. as aforesaid will make people wary or Cautious how they adventure on slight built Contry ships as that unfortunate ship was.

In yor. Lettr. of Novembr. last by the Kent & Somrs. you advised the fall of Batty on the Madrass Rups. we therefor now send ys. wrapt and seald up by the Hands of Capt. Hart an Essay taken out of 10 sevll. Bags ten Rups. out of Each bag indeferently and melted down into a Cake in the ℘sence of two of the Councill and both Essay Masters, wch. Cake so melted was brought into Consultation and there

broke before us in 3/3 we sent 1/3 to Engl^d. by the Kent and 1/3 now to you the oth^r. 1/3 wee keep here to the End it may be its own Evidence to prove their intrinciall Value.

Capt. Hart whom we intented this was to have gone by, is not yet ready to go so soon as we first thought, we shall therefore keep this Lett^r. open to the very last, as not knowing what a Day 2 or 3 may bring forth in matt^rs. worth our advising you of.

May 8th.

This has lain by us so long till now, that wee can certify you that on the ℘mo Ins^t. hath arriv'd here the Dolbin and the Elizabeth last from Bombay but make no Harmony of any good markett at Surat and at Noon the same day arriv'd here the Charlton from Bombay order'd thence for the West Coast wth. a stock of £ 6000 in Treasure, whom we shall dispatch hence in a few Days to prosecute his said Voyage we are advis'd by the Gen^ll. on y^t. side that the Godolphin was arriv'd at Bombay on the 26th March last & y^t. y^e. Dispatch ffrigot Capt. Cason was taken by the French of the North of Scotland.

On y^e. 2^d. Ins^t. arriv'd here the Hallifax to our great satisfaction wth. yor. Packet, to which we shall give answer by the next that offers hence. We are most respectfully

S^rs.

Yo^r. very lov^g. friend and very hum^ble. servants

Will : Fraser.
Will : Martin.
Robt. Raworth.
Thos. Frederick.
Rich^d. Hunt.
Edwd. Bulkley.
Will : Jennings.
Will : Warre.

Fort S^t. George
April 27th 1710.

To John Russell Esqr. — Abraham Addams Esqr.
M^r. Edwd. Pattle. — M^r. Josiah Chittke.
M^r. Will : Bugden. — M^r. James Love.
M^r. Sam^ll. Blunt. — M^r. Will : Loyd.

Councill for affairs of the United Trade in Beng^ll.

Our loving ffreinds.

No. 43 Our latest to this was of the 27th last Month & 8 Currant by the Thomas in wch. we gave you, yor. Just Encomium for yor. so very great ℘formance beyond Expectation in sending Home so much Tonadge as hath filled up the 4 ships you have dispatch'd for England, which will give you an Establish'd Reputation with our Honble. Masters thô we fear the Loyall Bliss (as some beleive) may be with you still, which you cou'd not help.

Now in answere to yo^rs. by the Hallifax concerning the Som^rs. Kent not having touched at Vizagapatam in their way hither in Novemb^r. last which you knew nothing of we are apt to beleive might have bin the late Govr. Pitts ord^rs. in the respective dispatches of both said ships hence to your Port last Somer.

Yo^r. having taken Tonadge of Capt. Wooly is justly Grounded upon the Companies Establish'd order as by the Copie sent us, but then it is to be understood, that such ship or ships bound hence for yor. Port having once paid their Tonnadge for once and the self same Voyage is not Lyable to a second paym^t. with y^s. wch. wee take to be y^e. Comp^as. plain meaning.

Capt. Hamiltons drawing upon the late Govr. Pitt for Payment of the Dutch ship bought of the French was upon a supposition that Govr. Pitt might have recover'd the summ of Rupees 5000 due from the Estate of M^r. Maxwell deceas'd to Capt. Hamilton, wch. tho due as aforesaid yet in fact Govr. Pitt nev^r. Rec^d. one Penny of that Debt Capt. Hamilton was at Metchlepatam in January Last whence he wrote the

Presid^t. that he made a tender of his ship to the Dutch Cheif there which he took in good part but said they had no ord^rs. concerning her he saild thence to Vizagapatam and was very assisting to the Gentlemen there (as they write us) while that factory Labour'd under so much trouble by being surrounded by Fackquirla Cawns forces who had for some sev^ll. Days block'd up all the ways and avenues of their bounds, who makes his demands on y^e. Company for a Debt due to him from M^r. Holcombe deceas'd formerly Cheif there.

Capt. Hamilton w^n. at Vizagapatam sold his Dutch Prize Ship, for Rup^s. 15000 to an Armenian bound to Pegu, whether Capt. Hamilton is also gone upon a vessell belonging to M^r. Hastings which he is to enlarge to rebuild there.

Capt. Hamilton of the aforesaid sum rec^d. at Vizagapatam Rup^s. 7000 and in Pegu is to receive to the amo^t. of Rup^s. 3000 Current money of y^t. place w^n. arriv'd there and the other 1/3 being Rup^s. 5000 with 25 ℘ Cent Respondentia is to be rec^d. by his Certain Attorney hereafter the usuall allowance of days for payment after her arriving this Port so that [......] you formerly of that matter goes for nothing now.

Wee have agreed with the owners of the Morning Star, in her way to Bengall to touch and call in [att] Metchlepatam and there to receive and take on board that part of the Kings ℘sent that hath lain so long there as from August last Invoice of which with Copies of most Lett^rs. and papers that had past between y^e. late Govr. Pitt and the great Men at Court we send you by which you may observe what a proper Genius he had adapt to so great an undertaking amongst these papers you'l find all the severall Emunities & privìdly (*sic*) endeavour'd to be obtain'd and incerted in our Phirmand in such manner and so well worded and clearly understood in the Persian Language as may render nothing intricat doubtfull or have a double meaning these papers will much facilitate to you the great matt^r. & bus[iness] y^t. hath so long bin in suspence to wch. your own good Judgement may add w^t. more may [be] needfull so that nothing may be ommitted of w^t. is absolutely necessary to be obtain'd.

In hopes that Zoode Cawn may be arriv'd by y^e. time at Hughly, the Presid^t. has wrote him a congratulatory Lett^r. wch. is now five or 6 Days old and seald up, since wch. we rec^d. yesterday a Lett^r. from Zoode Cawn by Cassid [......] to Aga Mackeem a Merch^t. [. . .] said Lett^r. is now transla[ted and will] be sent y^o. eith^r. by [. . .] are to sail he [. . . .] rec^d. here in January last translate of wch. we have long since sent you as you have acknowledged.

From Bombay the Gen^ll. and Councill there advise their having dispatched home on the 16 February last the Tavistock and Wentworth Cargoes amo^t. to Rup^s. 934927 : 31 (pice) and since we hear the Abingtons hatches were Calked up the last of last month, and that the Tankerfeild was let out to freight from Surat to yor. place, and to be dispatch'd thence back next November.

We have now in the mint and warehouse ready to be sent you, on any Comp^a. ship that shall happen to arrive Rup^s. 360000.

We intend this by the Morning Star and shall send its Copie either by the Dolbin or y^e. Malbrough.

We are most respectfully
Yo^r affect^t. ffriends and
Very humble Serv^ts.

WILL : FRASER.
WILL : MARTIN.
ROB : RAWORTH.
THO^s : FREDERICK.
RICH^D. HUNT.
EDW^D. BULKLEY.
WILL : JENNINGS.
WILL : WARRE.

FORT S^T. GEORGE
[MAY] THE 17TH. 1710.

To Mr. Philip Noden
at Metchlepotam.

No. 44 Wee are with yors. of ye. 31st. March 1710 and [in the] same Letter yor. additions in ye. 3d. and 7th. of April last which hath little or nothing in it for us to answer but wt. has been over and over again—Vizt. the trouble the Gusbardar gives you.

Yr. latest recd. by the Vizagapotam Mulla was of the 29th. April wch. contains a rhopsody and broken English and worse sense, such as our black servants usually speak when they are Novices.

Upon the whole we observe how Vexatious the Gusberder continues to you by reason of his tyred out Patience and therefore to Ease you & our selves for once and all, wee have agreed wth. the owners of the Morning star bound hence from Bengall to touch and call in at Metchlepotam to receive and take a board all the severall ꝑticulars of the present, the Tents only excepted which was intended to Lodge & accommodate the ꝑsons that were to accompany the ꝑsent by Land travelling as at 1st design'd, we have rec. yesterday fresh ordrs. from Zoody Cawn by Cassid from Patna positively by all manner & means [to] send him down the Kings ꝑsent to Hughly [where] he now is and let Duan mull or ye. Gusbardar refuse or hinder ye. same at their [risque if] they dare wch. yo. are to lade [. . .] for wch. yo. must oblige [. . .] of said ship to [. . .] one Tenor [. . .] consignd to John Russell Esqr. Abraham Addams Esqr. &ca., Councill for Affairs of the United English trade in Bengall, we send you an Invoice of said prest. hence wch. yo. say you never had and the Warehousekeeper ever was sent you.

We send now a handsome ꝑsent to the Gusbedar to keep him in good humour and likewise we send you for factory Expences & other necessary charges Pags [*Lacuna*] for wch. you must Credit Accot. Currant Fort St. George.

But the owners of the Morning Star are very urgent with us to oblige you not to detain the ship any longer than ten working dayes at your Port which yo. must use your utmost diligence to expedite yor. business accordingly we finding, it a very hard matter to oblige any master of a ship to touch at yor. port at such a time of ye. year as now by reason of the strong land winds that blow there in this season, and the bettr. to facilitate yor. business that yo. may have no rubs in your way Duan Mull must know by ye. time yt. the Government of Metchlepotam as to ye. Maratin is now under Zoody Cawn who has orderd his officers and Deputies in all the sea Ports on ye. Coast to Bengall ys. matter thus orderd will mak yo. and us Easy.

In a Paragraph of this Letter previous to this we said we woud send you down some [money] to defray necessary charges but Mr. [. . .] you either have already in your Hands or may have wt. Money you many [have] occasion for of his for the End aforesaid so that we do not now for that reason send you any.

Wee send you down Copye of the orriginall Letter last recd. from Zoody Cawn attested by the Cage, which hope may moderate and Qually [fy] Duan Mull and the Gusbedar to better [temper] and we beleive if any of Zoody Cawns new officers are arrivd with you they will ready give you their Assistance Copy of said Letter you must keep but let 'em see and read the same only. We are

Mr. ffaucett sends you an accot.
of all the Firewood recd. here.

Your lovg ffriends

Will: Fraser.
Will: Martin.
Robt. Raworth.
Thos. Frederick.
Richd. Hunt.
Edwd. Bulkly.
Will: Jennings.
Will: Warre.

Fort St. George
May 17th 1710.

LIST OF THE PACKETT TO METCHLEP^{M}. ℘ MORNING STAR.

1. Gen^{ll}. Letter dated May 17th 1710.
2. Invoice of y^{e}. ℘sent to King Shawallum.
3. Invoice of y^{e}. ℘sent to the Gusbedar.
4. Bill of loading for Ditto.
5. Persia Copy of Zoody Cawns Lett^{r}. attested by y^{e}. Codjee.
6. M^{r}. faucets acc^{o}. of fire wood rec^{d}. here.
7. The Honble. Presid^{ts}. Lett^{r}. to the Gusbardar.
8. List of the Packet.
9. Translate of Zoode Cawns Lett^{r}.

TO JHON RUSSELL ESQ^{R}.	ABRAH^{M}. ADDAMS ESQ^{R}.
M^{R}. EDW^{D}. PATTLE.	M^{R}. JOSIAH CHITTEE.
M^{R}. WILL BUGDEN.	M^{R}. JAMES LOVE.
M^{R}. SAM^{LL}. BLOUNT.	M^{R}. WILL : LOYD.

COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED TRADE IN BENGALL. No. 45

OUR RESPECTED AND AFFECT^{T}. FFRIENDS.

S^{RS}.

Our last to this was of the 17th. Instant by the Morning Star Via. Metchlepotam to wch. Port we sent her to take on board the Kings ℘sent and carry down to you in ℘suance to Zoode Cawns former and latter ord^{rs}. Copy of wch. comes herewith.

We now ℘form w^{t}. formerly promis'd to send you, by the Malborough, since call'd the Gulcondah Capt. Sam^{ll}. Hart Command^{r}. namely al (*sic*) papers and negotiations of state y^{t} have past between the Late Presid^{t}. Pitt and the Prime Minister at Court, Especially that Paper mentioning our privilidges pressed Zoody Cawn to Endeavour to obtain and to be incerted, in the new Phirmand to wch. wee cannot think of any thing more to add it is so full and am [sure] they are all endors'd and number'd as ℘ List.

The Hallifax has unliver'd her Bengall Ca[rgo] much shorte of her bills of Lading two half Ledgers of arrack said to have been leak'd out two Cask of salt provisions wanting one of wch. they confess to have Expended in the Voyage her salt Petre much damag'd an acco^{t}. of [which] and her shorte tonadge our Warehouse-keeper will send you by some of the next shipping that go hence immediatly after this she saild yesterday for China Messrs. Davenport & Beavoir Super Cargoes whom God prosper.

Yo^{r}. salted provisions smell strong wch. our Cooper is endeavouring if possible to recure [&] repack.

We are most respectfully

S^{r}.

yor. most affec^{t}. good ffriends and hum^{ble}. servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
MAY 27TH 1710.

WILL : FRASER.
WILL : MARTIN.
ROB^{T} : RAWORTH.
THO^{S}. FREDERICK.
RICH^{D}. HUNT.
EDM^{D}. BULKLEY.
WILL : JENNINGS.
WILL : WARRE.

P.S.

Yo^{s}. of y^{e}. 11th. & 30th March we rec^{d}. y^{e}. 21st Ins^{t}. we desire you'l send us a box of sealing wax by the next opportunity.

LIST OF THE PACKETT TO BENG^{LL}. ꝑ GOLCONDA.

N°. 1 For^{t}. S^{t}. George Gen^{ll}. to the Bay dated May 27th. 1710.
2 Copy D^{o}. ꝑ Morning Star dated May 17th 1710.
3 Copy of the Honble. Presid^{ts}. Lett^{r}. to Zoody Cawn.
4 Translate of Zoody Cawns Lett^{r}. to y^{e}. Honble Presid^{t}.
5 Copys of severall Lett^{rs}. &c^{a}. pass'd between Govr. Pitt and y^{e}. ministers in King Shaalems Court.
6 Invoice of the ꝑsent to King Shaalem.
7 List of the Packet.

FOR MR. FRANCIS HASTINGS

CHEIF &C^{A}. COUNCILL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

No. 46 Our last to you was of the 10th. April since wch. are come to our Hands yours of the 4th. 6th. and 15th. April and 4th. and 5 May last.

That of y^{e}. 4th April last we take to be your Gen^{ll}. answer to ours of the 25th February by y^{e}. Rising Sum Smack in which we observe by that as well as by severall former & subsequent Letters the Cheif M^{r}. Hastings takes a great deal of pains to urge ꝑswade all he can that the Company ought to pay that old Debt due from M^{r}. Holcome [&] Fuckerle Cawn, but gives no solid reason to [ind]emnify us if we shou'd [do] so any more than [. . . . . . .] the Company might await a more favoura[ble opportunity] to reimburs and pay 'emselves out [. . . .] Annumutaraz, Countrys as the [. . . .] me due this is putting the [. . .] game to retrieve ye former, [. . . .] to ourselves) wee needed not the help of one so ingenious and of so many Complicated parts as the Chief is master of [. . .] that whole matter wou'd be so Easy as only to [. . . . .] and to have as that any Braminy or Conicoply might effect, and we liable to reimburse the same into the Company's Cash for doing that [which] we had not their ord^{rs}. and then wou'd the Chief be so generous as to come in for a share of repaym^{t}. for his good Councill as being the only remedy he proposes, besides to pay our [selves] of the rents of Annamturaz in whose Coun[try] you say most of the Companies Cloths comes [from] seems to us a very wield (*sic*) extravagant Notion the Consequence of wch. wou'd be a Constant Quarel[ing] with stoppadge of our Cloth without any [Cer]tain paym^{t}. and none before, nor since cou'd [be] more with those Rajaes than M^{r}. Holcombe and in the End became a Looser.

The Chief can't but know because we [wrote] it in ours to you of y^{e}. 25 February last h[ow] little the Company Valued their keeping of [Viza]gapatam wch. brought 'em no proffitt, but [a] Certain Loss and dead Charge this was some y[ears] before M^{r}. Holcomes death, and Debt had in [...] so much trouble to the Companies [Servants] as it is more fully mention'd in the af[oresaid letter].

The Cheif seems to complain of some [. . . .] from Fort S^{t}. George but will not [. . . .] repition of those griva[nces] [. . . .] refers us to their Cons[ultation of the] and their Gen^{ll}. [Letter of the . . .] both wch. the Presi[dent . . . .] impartiall [. . .] any ways a derogation to the Credit & respect due to one in such a Post as represents his Honble. Mas^{trs}. thô we think the Chief and Council jointly are the right representatives by whom all Publick Acts, Grants and Cowlys, or anything farm'd out are to be signd, by which the Chief means himself to be restrain'd from the sole and single Power of signing such grants and Cowlys by himself only, which is contrary to w^{t}. we practice here, thô we may beleive, that the style of writing at that time might be somewhat harsh, yet the orders they injoyn'd were just, as appears by yor. promise of obediance and Complyance in the aforesaid Consultation of no Date, all which to do the Chief right as he desires and refers us to, the Presid^{t}. hath perus'd all the sev^{ll}. Gen^{ll}. Lett^{rs}. sent you hence last Som^{r}. we observe by those Lett^{rs}. that the then ꝑsident had order'd Jugapah the Braminy with some others to go up to Annumturaz to any

indeferent place that shou'd be assign'd and agreed upon to adjust the acco^{ts}. of Debts owing by the Rajaes to the widdow of the deceasd M^{r}. Holcombe which you promise but was never done to y^{s}. Day, yor. not delivering the Presid^{ts}. Lett^{r}. with a Gentue superscription and y^{e}. same in English underneath sent in y^{e}. Generall Packett wch. the Chief return'd hither [with] the Currant of Complaints against him [. . . .] to act most matters in the Comp^{as}. [. . . .] single power these were to con [. . . .] wee presume made y^{e}. Generall [. . .] run in so tart a style.

In Perusing your Letter of the 4th April last, we think it strange to meet with so many Contradictions [in] yor. former Letters, as for Instance that of yo^{rs}. of the 9th January last, you say by the dearness of grain y^{e}. m[en] are forc'd to sell their ornaments to buy 'emselves [...] at a time w^{n}. y^{o}. were not besieged, & how much must it have been w^{n}. y^{o}. were wch. made [...] that rice upon the Rising Sun Smack for a subsistance to our sold^{rs}. to be deducted out of their pay as y^{e}. same shou'd become due at Invoice Price and now you ask us w^{t}. you must do with when y^{or}. selves wrote us to send you all manner of stores.

Yours of the 21st January highly comme[nd] Capt. Hamilton for y^{e}. ready assistance he promised but why did not you then advice us the terms and Conditions when we wou'd have spared incomiums of him wch. you have so much en[tered] upon, which good service degenerats into [......] of mercenary like the proverb no argent [no] swize, bet it wou'd better become yor. Cheif write more plain and less haughty.

The Chief is fully in the right in desiring manifest be sent him from the English Gent[lemen] that Consign any Effects to the care of black Merchants which we shall observe & do accord for the reasons the Cheif gives that the Co[mpany] be not defrauded of their Customes by [. . . .] their own goods under [. . .] Name.

The Chiefs ackno[wledgm^{t}.] to the Gentlemen of this [. . . .] taken well and we promise all and every of us to be his friends if he will come up intirely into our Honble. Masters Interest for we take no pleasure in this way of pro and Con between us, but when you prevaricate and not only deviate but willfully disobey our positive orders as if it were on purpose to overset all our best designes here and to show you that this is no wrong assertion of ours we shall calmly lay the following before you either to deney or prove the contrary if you can.

Were not you order'd by the Gen^{ll}. Lett^{r}. hence of the 3^{d}. of June last to send up Jugapah y^{e}. Braminy and some others to adjust acco^{ts}. with annumuturaz and Pyerow relating to the debt they owe M^{r}. Holcombe, and all this in a time of peace when Fuckerle Cawn was not in those parts but was this ever don or ⅌form by y^{o}. or Jugupah sent hither as then and often since orderd.

Was it not at yor. Earnest desire that both the late presidents wrote their Expostulating Lett^{rs}. to Fuckerle Cawn wch. gain'd you some time and respit from those troubles you y^{n}. and since have agoniz'd under because that Nabob eager in Expectation of those Letters which you rec^{d}. but never sent coud not but hope greatly irritated Fuckerlcawn to find himself frustrated but for this you form'd an Excuse ready at Hand and say that had you deliver'd those Letters it wou'd have put all in a flame which that Nabob wou'd [have] resented to the highest degree and utmost securities, but is the matter mended as the [...] hath prov'd, have you not bin highly [. . . .] to chuse you one of three either to pay the Money leave the factory, or freight Fuckerle Cawn and at last beseig'd now we ask you cou'd it have bin worse if you had deliver'd those Letters you detain'd in your own hands this is a strange ⅌var[ica]ting, but to show your Master piece in this [......] we offer you this Instance that at the time Mulla arriv'd with you on the Rising Sun Smack, the Nabob Fuckerla Cawn hearing he was come from Madrass sent his Chubda to inquir of the Chief of the Mulla had brought money with him to pay his old Debt the Chief told him he had at which time the Chief had [sent] away the Mulla with the Persian Packet to the Nabob but without either Juggapah or the ⅌sent as was order'd, and then the first thing the Nabob ask'd of the Malla was if he had brought money to

pay him, who answer'd he had not brought any more then a Packet and some choise things as a ℘sent for him and then to confront the Mulla, the Nabob sent for the Chubdah who avered to the Nabob before the Mulla's face that the Chief told that the Mulla had brought the money with him which put the Nabob in such a rage that he wou'd not receive the pack^{t}. put bid the Mulla begon, this was such a strange piece of under hand working as that shall leave it to any to give it such a na[me] as it deserves the rather because we sent you the English of all y^{e}. sev^{ll}. pap^{rs}. we sent the Nabob, [&] Presid^{t}. single Letter to him only excepted.

Besides w^{t}. has bin said y^{o}. never sent us what that certain Debt is owing to the Nabob any otherwise than undefinite, nor have we seen any acco^{t}. Curr^{t} from you how matters stand between the deceas'd M^{r}. Holcombe and annumuturaz and Pierow his Creditors so that we were forc'd to take all that paines here and send you wch. might have bin easier don by y^{o}. upon y^{e}. place Jugapah having all those accounts in Gentues.

And as to yor. Gen^{ll}. Letter to us of the 14 Septem^{r}. last which you so much refer us to we have again perus'd where you say the mony sent was Pag^{s}. 44000 and w^{t}. remain'd to pay was Pag^{s}. 20000 if you have not mistaken the Letter in Pagodas instead of rup^{s} because by y^{e}. acco^{t}. Curr^{t}. we sent you by the Rising Sun Smack, the ballance due to the Nabob seems to be but a little less y^{n}. 1/3 of that summ of Pag^{s}. 20000 you say is due to the Nabob.

You were desir'd a long time ago to keep books of all such Lett^{rs}. you send and receive from the Governm^{t}. and to send us here one of such books to be yearly sent hence to the Company in which y^{o}. have hitherto faild, we now require yor. ℘formance.

To a circumspect wise and prudent Chief we wou'd be willing to allow a discretionary power even of him self in such matters where the nature and necessity of some things requir the same, but not otherwise than with the privity and Consent of the Council and then the Chief may have the Executive powe[r] to put in practice what hath bin first concerted amongst 'em because it may be of ill consequence to Lodge [so] great a power in some single ℘son, least the sa[me] shou'd seed out into that of arbitrary and dispotick and woud beget many Causes of Complaints and then the Chief wou'd be put to his shifts to [......]by his own single Testimony of himself by the Name of false and malitious Informations.

You insist still that the Company ought to pay M^{r}. Holcomb's Debt to Fuckerle Cawn, and they to await more favourable times to reimburs 'emselves out of the Rajaes rents, but this has not Coherance with w^{t}. you say afterwards in the same Letter an[d] is a flat contradiction for their Rustumdill Cawn the greatest Nabob that ever was in those parts and after him Media Ca[wn] yet neither of 'em could get full paym^{t}. of [the] kings rents from those rajas y^{e}. former you say deluded Mr Holcombe to the lending of money by his fair promises, but the Latter Media Cawn cou'd not receive $\frac{1}{4}$ part of the Kings rents and if it was so difficult to get in to the Kings m[...]. You say w^{t}. dependence can be made on the Rajaes bonds to M^{r}. Holcombe wch. plainly [at]tests yor. first orgum^{t}. of a favourable opportunity for the Company to reimburse 'emselves.

That factory as matters now stand by [us ...] of yor. great charges is more than ever an eating Canker in the Companies Estate and it were better for 'em to reduce it to the ℘sent state and Condition of Metchlepatam, Maddapollam, because it is not safe to send you any stock of mony to Invest to alleviate in some measure yor. great charges & Expences, nor can we think of any termes of accommodation with the Nabob, before he receives the ℘sident's Lett^{r}. and his answer thereto to know how much it is he woud be at wch. to this day y^{o}. never told us by any acco^{t}. y^{o}. ever sent hither wch. Juggapah might have don & not withstanding of all the large encomiums you give us of him yet he has hitherto approv'd himself as useless in those matt^{rs}. as a watch that does not go is to a Traveller.

We will try w^{t}. may or can be don with Isuph Cawn Subay of Golcundah to whose Governm^{t}. those Countrys of the Rajaes belong and give him the plain state of the Case as to the Rajaes Debts to M^{r}. Holcombe as likewise his Debt to Fuckerla Cawn & the Presid^{ts}. former Lett^{r}. to him we return you to wait a proper time to be sent him.

What more of yor Lett^{rs}. y^{t}. lye on our hands shall be answer'd by our next, and we assure you we have a great concern and a reall fellow feeling with you in all your suffering as being with all affection and sincerity

S^{RS}.

Yo^{r}. very loving friends and
most hum^{ble}. servants

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
JUNE 5TH. 1710.

WILL: FRASER.
WILL: MARTIN.
ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.
THO^{S}. FREDERICK.
RICH^{D}. HUNT.
EDW^{D}. BULKLY.
WILL: JENNINGS.
WILL: WARRE.

To CAP^{T}. HENRY HUDSON
COMMAND^{R}. OF SHIP HALLIFAX.

Wee having let out to freight Ship Hallifax to Messrs Henry Davenport Edwd. N°. 47
Fleetwood, & Osm^{d}. Beauvoir &c^{a}. freight [ers] of s^{d}. ship for a voyage to China to whom [wee] have assign'd over her Charterparty agreed between the R^{t}. Honble. English Company trading to the East Indies, and the owners of s^{d}. ship we do hereby ord^{r}. you to follow all such ord^{rs}. and directions as you shall receive from time to time from s^{d}. Henry Davenport Edwd. ffleetwood & Osm^{d}. Beauvoir &c^{a}. freighters of yor. ship, or their Supra Cargoes Messrs. Henry Davenport & Osm^{d}. Beauvoir who are to have the use of the Great Cabbin, whom we enjoyn you to treat civily, and M^{r}. Henry Davenport who is Cheif Supra Cargo on board you, we order you to give him the chai[r] & in case of his mortality wch. God forbid you are to continue it to M^{r}. Osm^{d}. Beavoir. we are

Yo^{r} hum^{ble}. servant[s].

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.
MAY 1710.

WILL: FRASER.
WILL: MARTIN.
ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.
THO^{S}. FREDERICK.
RICH^{D}. HUNT.
EDW^{D}. BULKLY.
WILL: JENNINGS.
WILL: WARRE.

To EDM^{D}. MOUNTAGUE ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOV^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

S^{rs}.

We have none of yours later than the 9th. last past, which hath little in it for us N°. 48
to answer more than that we have Comply'd to the paym^{t}. of both yor. Bills drawn on us, to the time ℗fix'd.

You gave us hopes that you wou'd get of the Maddapollam youcht next spring tyde after the Date of yor. s^{d}. Lett^{r}. since which we have not heard anything more from you.

We think you might have laden the Comp^{as}. Bales on board y^{e}. Harriot Capt. Weld, w^{n}. at your Port or any other good ship or vessell that might call in at yor. place bound hither for which you have a former old ord^{r}. that hath never bin revok'd and

such ship wou'd take 'em at less freight than w^{t}. we are oblig'd to pay for, to such Vessells as we hire hence but if you shou'd be necessitated to lade yor. Bales on Country Boats we wou'd have you chuse a fair clear day because it is commonly observ'd that such clear days y^{e}. land winds do not blow so strong and you are sure the Sea brees comes in at noon or at one in y^{e}. afternoon and both said winds are serviceable to bring such boates here whereas on the contrary any Day that is Clowdy & over Cast and the sun doth not shine out clear there is no hopes of a sea wind that Day but a strong Land wind to blow 'em of to Sea.

There is one James Paten formerly of the Gunroom Crew at Fort S^{t}. Davids who brought us the D. Gov^{rs}. certificate as so he hath bin in our Hospitall ever since the 20th. of Aprill last and the Stweard of the same hath dieted him ever since out [......] of his own Pockett, who makes application to [him] to be reimburs'd at the rate of Pag^{s}. 2½ ℘ month as our own sold^{rs}. here pay when in the Hospitall y^{e}. man tell us he hath rec^{d}. no pay at yor. place since march last nor no ℘son for him, we therefore desire you'l secure his pay for Aprill & May last to satisfie for his diet who still continues in the Hospitall y^{e}. like we say for this month if he does not return to y^{o}.

Padre Mannel Desilva at his first Entrance upon both Churches of Coddolore and Jeffnapot^{m}. did by a writ[t]en Instrum^{t}. publish himself by Authority of the then Bisshop of S^{t}. Thoma ordain'd priest & Viccar of both P. Churches wch. will not ℘ mitt to be practic'd any where within the Verge of the English Governm^{t}. for which and other his ill moralls y^{o}. should not ℘mitt him to live with in yor. bounds and it is our ord^{rs}. that he shall not.

And it hath bin fully prov'd here before the Presid^{t}. that Padre Paulo De saw, said Padre Milton when with y^{o}. in January last these words Viz^{t}. that w^{t}. ever Padrees the English shou'd send to fort S^{t}. Davids or Codolore he wou'd protest against their say[ing^{s}.] administrating the sacraments which both words he himself confess'd he had said but not Publickly & therefore shall deal with him as he deserves when time shall serve.

What bales you send us after the arrivall of the French Ships dayly Expected we wou'd have you mark with Gentue marks and Numbers, with their Invoices & bills of lading in English overland. we are

S^{rs}.

yor. affec^{t}. ffriends &
hum^{ble}. servants

Fort S^{t}. George
June 8th. 1710.

Will: Fraser.
Will: Martin.
Robt. Raworth.
Thos. Frederick.
Rich^{d}. Hunt.
Edwd. Bulkly.
Will: Jennings.
Will: Warre.

To the Gentlemen of Council for affairs
of the united Trade in Bengall.

S^{rs}

No. 49. The foregoing is Copie of w^{t}. wrote you by the Gulcondah Capt. Samuell Heart Command^{r}. since w^{n}. on the 9th. Curr^{t} has arriv'd here from Surrat but last from Bombay (the 12 May) the Tankervile Capt. Newnam being let out to freight by the Gentlemen at Surrat to yor. Port, & thence back again, the Capt. wee wou'd not oblige to take on board our Honble. Masters Treasure of Madrass Rup^{s}. for yor. Place

any otherwise than that we shou'd pay freight for the same which we are not willing to do, as hoping an opportunity may ꝑsent to save that charge unless we knew you took up money at Interest which you advise us of.

The Morning Star whom we sent to M[etchle]potam there to receive and take on board the Kings ꝑsent arriv'd that port the 25th. past stay'd her ꝑfixt time, and saild thence *Rein facta* we are in great pain & agony of thoughts till Zoode Cawn arrives with y^{o}. and his officers to Metchlepotam the better to facilitate the putting on board the ꝑsent to be sent you by any good ship wee can meet with to send thither.

Capt. Leshly of the Abington was dispatch'd the 7th. of May a full ship for England, but not being able to put in at Gally to stay there till the proper season to prosecute his Voyage arriv'd here the 30th. past month.

We are most respectfully

S^{rs}.

Yo^{r}. affec^{t}. good friends &
most hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.

Fort S^{t}. George
June 12, 1710

Will: Fraser.
Will: Martin.
Robt: Raworth.
Thos. Frederick.
Rich^{d}. Hunt.
Edwd. Bulkly.
Will: Jennings.
Will: Warre.

To M^{r}. Phillip Noden
at Metchlepotam.

Since ours to you of the 17th. of May last by the Morning Star we rec^{d}. yo^{rs}. N°. 50
severally of the 8: 18: 30: 31: that month, to the needfull of all which wee shall now answer.

The two great Guns you speak of, formerly belonging to the new Company are with every thing else appertain[in]g to 'em as they were a distinct body to be brought to the acco^{t}. of y^{e}. united Company now and hence forward.

Yo^{r}. Bill of Pag^{s}. 200 drawn on us we have accepted & paid as directed.

Yo^{rs}. of the 30th. last month advises the Morning Star to have arriv'd yor. Port the 25th. that month where she did nothing to that End she was sent you, for the reasons you give us, & you did well in not detaining her any longer because w^{t}. intended was not effected, the Presid^{t}. hath therefore wrote a letter to the Suba of Gollcundah, fully representing to him that whole matter, whose answer when we receive shall send you a Copy translated, mean time fail not to advise us so soon as [...] any of Zoody Cawns officers are arriv'd wth. you & w^{t}. new ord^{rs}. they bring concerning the Kings ꝑsent.

The Company have order'd us to demolish their old ffactory at Maddopollam & to bring hither all her most substantiall & best Timb^{rs}. by great Boats to be hyred and all the House moveables wch. are severall and many according to the acco^{t}. our Braminy there sent us, and you must make the most of every thing of that once costly building that is not worth the charges sending hither bricks & paving stones & window frames &c^{a}. excepting so much as may be necessary for the well repairing the new built factory we give y^{o}. this notice, that you may ꝑpare to get boats ready so Soone as the Northerly Monsoon may fav^{r}. their bringing hither which may be next Septemb^{r}. the bricks & window fram we think you may sell at Maddapollam concerning wch. we shall discourse Narran & advise you in our next.

We wou'd have you make a tryall and advise us the best termes you can oblige a good set of Pallankeen boys to come and continue here and be taken into the Company's service one or two of wch. wee wou'd have to speak or understand a little English, those boyes we have here are so much degenerated from w^t^. have bin formerly that they are good for nothing. we are

Yo^r^. lov^g^. ffriends

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
JUNE 14TH. 1710.

WILL : FRASER.
WILL : MARTIN.
ROB^T^. RAWORTH.
THO^S^. FREDERICK.
RICH^D^. HUNT.
EDM^D^. BULKLEY.
WILL : JENNINGS.
WILL : WARRE.

To EDM^D^. MOUNTAGUE ESQ^R^.
DEPUTY GOV^R^. & COUNCILL AT
FFORT S^T^. DAVIDS.

S^rs^.

N°. 51 Yo^rs^. of the 19th & 11th. Current rec^d^. here the 12th. & 14th. of the same, to wch. we shall speedily give answer, this at ℘sent being only to advise you that Capt. Davis Setts out hence for yor. Place tomorrow in the Evening, & therefore we wou'd have you upon Sight hereof immediatly to send out to Conomere 20 good stout Peons & twelve of 15 Good Topasses under the care & charge of a good sober Serjeant the better to secure Capt. Davis to the End of his journy to y^o^. of which pray fail not.

We are

Yo^r^. affection^t^. good friends
& hum^ble^. Servants.

WILL : FRASER.
WILL : MARTIN.
ROB^T^. RAWORTH.
THO^S^. FREEDERICK.
RICH^D^. HUNT.
EDW^D^. BULKLEY.
WILL : JENNINGS.
WILL : WARRE.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
FRYDAY MORNING
JUNE 16TH. 1710.

P.S.

Just now at signing this is arriv'd yo^rs^. of the 13th. month wth. Invoice & Bill of lading &c^a^. yor. Tappys are very slow & its generally the 4th. Day from the date of the lett^r^. before we receive them.

To EDM^D^. MOUNTAGUE ESQ^R^.

DEPUTY GOV^R^. &C^A^. COUNCILL AT FFORT S^T^. DAVID.

Wee shall now ℘form w^t^. promis'd in our yesterdays Lett^r^. to you.

N°. 52 As to the Yautch drove ashore in the storm you had the ℘mo Aprill last, when you said she had rec^d^. no dammage, was sooner advis'd than well consider'd, as the Event hath prov'd.

We are glad yor. Merchts. have now finish'd their investmt. wch. by that article of their contract they ought to have done by the 20 February last pray advise us what good temper they are in for agreeing to make another Contract and for how much they are willing to undertake.

With yor. said Lettr. came yor. stewards accots. and the list of Debts, but that of Mr. Ingrams relating to the lead has bin paid and brought into the Compas. Accot. cash wch. the late Deputy Govr. Roberts avers to be true.

We have paid yor. Bill drawn on us to Messrs. Cradock & Mullenux.

Yors. of the 11th. is indeed very surprising as to the Moors having seiz'd & carry'd away Capt. Hugonin & Ensign Reay to Walldour fort, and when you wrote to that Phousdr. to know the reason of their so insolent affront in a time of all fair friendship between you and 'em, they answer you yt. those that rent the Walldor Countryes are about 25000, Chuckcrums behind hand in paymt. of their rents, so long time due & that they shelter 'emselves undr. yor. umbrage & protection to avoid paymt. of all which they wrote you formerly but never recd. any satisfactory answer.

Some of us here that sign this Lettr. do well remember that those rentrs. or any othrs. that are concern'd in any mattrs. wth. the Country Governmt. was by a speciall ordr. from hence in our ꝑdecessrs. times forbid to have any share of any Contracts made wth. our merchts. for any Investmt. wt.ever, and wn. Sr. John Goldsborough then Commissary generall went hence in Anno 1693 to yor. place to suppervise affairs there he Enacted in Consultation as a perpetuall standing Ordrs. that none of the renters of the Countrys about you shou'd have any habitation or protection within the Verge of our bounds and Governmt.

This strange practice of prosecuting the Country Renters furnishes our [. . . .] neighbours & small friends at St. Thoma w[ithin] argument that they do but Copie after the English by giving their protection to severall indebted to this place.

And thô we wou'd not have you at this juncture deliver up those renters to fall a Victum to the late insults and triumphs of the Moors, yet we wou'd have secure 'em & write to the Governmt. to send to you any indifferent ꝑsons but good accountants to adjust all mattrs. in difference between both parties & then that just satisfaction be made to the party injur'd wch. wn. done you may in some time after get yor. selves perfectly rid of 'em the better to ꝑserve a firm good friendship between you and the Governmt.

Yor. next subsequent is of the 13th. wch. wee recd. yesterday with the inclos'd Invoice & bill of lading for wt. bales yo. have laden on ye. Rebecca Capt. Holland Commandr. of which we can say nothing, none of yor. Bales being yett come ashore, the Ship arriving late in ye. night was not come into the road till next Day, & this proving rainy (but otherwise moderate) nothing cou'd be done.

With this we send you the Presidts. Lettr. to be by you sent to the Phousdar of Walldore as supposing Capt. Hugonin & Ensign Reay are not yett released, & the same in English we send you for perusall, that you may see & know our mind.

We are respectfully
Srs.
Yor. affectt. good ffriends
& most humble. Servts.
WILL: FRASER.
WILL: MARTIN.
ROBT. RAWORTH.
THOS. FREDERICK.
RICHD. HUNT.
EDWD. BULKLEY.
WLIL: JENNINGS.
WILL: WARRE.

FORT ST. GEORGE
JUNE THE 17TH. 1710.

1710—14

To the Honble. [Joachim] Colyns Cheif & Councils
of Pollicatt our worthy
good Freinds.

Srs.

No. 53 Yesterday we [. . .] of the 2d. July P: N: relateing to the [. . . .] Dommonosky who as been kept a [close prisoner] ever since the 16th. May Last S. N. and [. . .] Several points requisite to Quality a Pardo [. . . . .] ye. Same sufficient and firm in a Case [. . . . .] concern'd yet for the Honr. and great esteem [. . . . .] so much worthy Gentlemen as Signe to their [. . .] in pardoning the unfortunate for what [. . . .] shall not Dou[bt] the faith of your performance [wee there]fore have deliver'd him into the Care and Charge of your D[...] we are with all respect

Srs.

Yor. affx: good ffreinds
most humble. Servt.

Wm. Fraser.
Wm. Martin.
Rt. Raworth.
Thos. Frederick.
Rd. Hunt.
Edwd. Bulkley.
Wm. Jennings.
Wm. Warr.

Fort St. George
23d. June 1710.

[To Edmd. Mountague] Esqr.
[Deputy Govr.]
[&ca. Councill at Fort St. David].

Srs.

[No. 54] Yesterday recd. yours of the 24th. Currtt. by which we observe that matters are so far from mending that they are grown from evil to worse relateing to the Captives whom you Say are Sent from Walldore to Chingee and we are at a Stand what to do or direct any orders to you untill we first hear from the Phousdar of Walldore and have his answer to the Presidents Letter.

Meantime we enjoyn and ordr. you possitively to secure and keep in safe Custody all the Relations of the said Renters severally and a part for whose sake with so much shame so great a disgrace hath befallen you as the Carring away your prime Millitary Officers their Captives in Triumph and it Signifies not so much to the purpose what the Arbitrators have done as to the making up the Acctt. between the Renters ought to Show and produce the Originall Lease and Grant of all the Severall Villages Rented out to them and the amount of the whole ℔ Annum and to Show discharge and acquittance or so much either of ye. whole or in part as they have paid, of what farmed out for.

And it is too mean a thought of yours and very unworthy of such a Constitution as formes you into a Deputy Governr. & Council who are presume to be so prudent and wise to tell us you are inform'd that force the Captives releas'd first the Renters Relations would soon after pay the Debt but should they pay it now before our people are releas'd they would bring some unreasonable demands on them afterwards by which you or they mean that our People Should Continue so long Captives untill the insult seems and slights of Victors are Satiated and Pass'd.

When you imprison'd [. . . . .] you may then soon come to know where [. . .] hands their effects are to be found.

Thus for we have wrote [. . .] Presid^t. rec^d. the Phousdar of Walldore [. . .] which being wrote in the Mirata La[nguage...] our People for that purpose then [. . .] way it was this forenoon the 29. before the Translate was brought us in Consultation Copie of which comes herewith for you to answer by which you'l observe it differs much in the way and manners as you have stated the Case to us.

We are
S^rs.

Yo^r. Loving Freinds [&]
Y^e. most hum^ble. Serv^ts.

W^m. Fraser.
W^m. Martin.
Robt. Raworth.
Thos. Frederick.
Edwd. Bulkley.
W^m. Jennings.
Will : Warr.

Fort S^t. George
28th. June 1710.

To the Worshipf^ll. Jeremiah Harrison Esqr. [No. 55]

of our Council att fort S^t. George, Deputy Govr. of york and Supervise: foe all affairs of the Honble. Court of Direct^rs. of y^e. United Comp^a. of Merch^ts. of England Trading [to the] E. Indies att Bencoolen [and all] oher heir Settlem^ts. on [the] Coast of Sumatria &c^a.

S^rs.

Our Latest to this was of the 9th. March last by the Frederick Capt. Rich^d. Phrip Commander who sail'd hence for your Port, the 11th. that month and Carried our Packett with our Commission under the hon^ble. Companies Larger seal for establishing the Councill att Bencoolen and appointing Jeremiah Harrison Esqr. Dep^ty. Govern^r. of York Fort and Supervisor & Cheif of all Affairs of the Honble. the United East India Company both England Millatary in all their Settlem^ts. on the West Coast at Sumatria to which we refer and in hopes that he hath survivd that Voyage and is happily Long before now arriv'd with you we take Occasion to Congratulate his accession to the Governm^t. of those [parts] in a [Post of so great a] Trust as we have intrusted & committ'd to his Charge and Care whom we pray God to prosper in so great an undertaking.

[H]aving promis'd thus much we are now to advise [you th]at the Loyal Bliss arriv'd Rouges River the 25th. January last and was full Laden and dispatch'd for England by the Latter end of Feb^ry. but was forced to put back again as having Strain'd her Bow Sprit and lost some Anchors, where he must stay till next Season offers for prosecuting her Voyage the Council of Managers not variating from their former orders as having dispatch'd her within her Charterparty Limited time.

On the ℘^o May last the Carleton arriv'd this Port having been dispatch'd from Bombay about the 27th. March last bound for Bencoolen, but that Season not favouring his Voyage any otherwise than what might [be] expected by a Teedious long passage and other[......] produced to us as the Consultations of his Off[ice att] Zelon whom we detain'd here some time Long[er than] intend'd, because the Country Governm^t. is some r[espects] unsettled Since Daud Cawn was call'd home in A[prill in the] Courts.

The Carleton brings you Sea Chest [. . .] from England and we have Laden upon him [. . .] 80 Tun and 20 Redwood which goes Consign'd to you as ℘^r. Invoice and Bill of Lading of the same.

Wee inclose you here a List of all the Severall old Bills drawn upon us that we have pd. here since the Depty. Governr. went home with interest which you are to take notice of, and we wou'd have you enquire and examine impartially into the matter of Debt said to be due to [Mr.] Weo[ly] Deceas'd because the Honble. Compa. make some objections to the paymt. of his bills in England we wou'd have the Case Stated truly and fairly and send us, as well as to the Company an Accott. of the Same.

We Suppose the Nathaniel may be arriv'd you ere Long this and that the Frederick is still with you and now the Carleton and that all of them may be more Tonage than you can fill up and dispatch'd thence for England in the proper season, we wou'd have you in such a Case retun to us here the Frederick (whom God willing) we shall dispatch hence a full Laden Ship for England in Septembr. or Octobr. next. We send you upon this Ship Padre Johannes Coyston Commis of the Theatin ordr. for the use and instructions of your Roman Catholick Soldrs. at the usual and establish'd allowance the Company give, but we cannot prevail with the Capt. to agree to 4 Fanams ₽ Diem for the Padres Crave to eat att his Table but refuse himself wholly to what you shall think fitt which whatever it be you shall pay the Capt. for his Dyeting ye. Padree att his Table we wou'd have you deduct the same out of the Padres Sallary from the Company as the same shall become due that they may be Reimburs'd that expence.

We would likewise have you by all the best and most proper wayes and methods you can think of to prevent that heavy Dead Charge of Demorage by keeping their Ships so long in the Country unemploy'd which is such Consuming moth in the Companies Estate as the worm is in the Owners Ship.

By a Ship now arriv'd from Siam but last from Batavia whence She sail'd the 11th. last month we have the news that the Nathaniell att your Port in Janry. last was laden with Pepper to be dispatchd for England which if true we are very glad off.

Thus far we have wrote when Capt. Jones Commandr. of S.P. Ship is come ashore and brought us your Generall Letter of the 14th. March last which convinces us of the mistake previous to this Vizt. that it was the Westmoreland and not the Nathaniel you had dispatch'd on the 19th. Janry. last for England what you desir'd in your Said Letter shall be sent you for which reason we must detain ye. Carleton 8 or 9 days longer to Coine the Mallay fanams you are so much in want of which may occasion a Subsequent Letter and [there]fore shall end this att present.

Srs.

Yr. good Loving Freinds &
most humble Servants.

Wm. Fraser.
Wm. Martin.
Robt. Raworth.
Th: Frederick.
Rich: Hunt.
Edwd. Bulkley.
Wm. Jennings.
Wm. Warr.

Fort St. George
June 27th. 1710.

To Mr. Phillip Noden
att Metchlepatam.

No. 56 We have given answer to all your former Letters excepting your last of the 6th. Instant to the needfull of which we shall now reply.

We observe how Vexatious the Gusbadar Continues Still to our affairs and you did well in not making him a Second tender or offer of the Present we sent which he [. . . . .] having forfeit'd our favour and kindness to him [. . .] he Learnt better manners.

We advis'd in our last we had wrote [. . .] of Gullcondah and this day we have wrote to [. . . .] by the hands of his Brother-in-Law who takes his [. . .] on the Josiah for Bengall and so soon as we shall [. . .] shall advice you but we hear the Governm^{t}. [. . . . .] are taken from Zoode Cawn and Given to Saadatullah Cawn the Duan att Arcot but of this we are not yet certain any more than the same may be a Politick trick of States. we are

S^{r}.

Y^{r}. Loving Freinds.
W^{M}. FRASER.
W^{M}. MARTIN.
ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.
THO : FREDERICK.
RICH^{D}. HUNT.
EDW : BULKLEY.
W^{M}. JENNINGS.
W^{M}. WARR.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
JUNE Y^{E}. 20TH. 1710.

TO RICHARD FARMER ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOVERN^{R}. &C. COUNCILL
OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

S^{RS}.

Since our last to you of the 28th. past we have rec^{d}. yours of the 30th. June and that of the 6th. this month, to both of them we shall now give answer. No. 57

We have rec^{d}. the bales Laden on Mallims Ship according to Invoice and Bill of Lading and have paid your Bill of Pagd^{s}. 3000 as directed which is all the purport of your first Letter.

By your next Subsequent Letter we are glad to understand that matter of Difference between the Renters & the Governm^{t}. are like to be accomodated but be it as it will it cannot Compensate of so great an Act of ꝑ^{r}fidiousness in the Injuries and affronts they have done you by Seasing two of your Millatary Officers and having them Still Captives which deserves a due Resentm^{t}. when time and Occasion Shall Serve.

On the 5th. Instant the King William Gally touch'd here in her way to Bengall on whom came the Honble. Anthony Wellden, Constituted and appoint'd by Commission Presid^{t}. of Bengall and Govern^{r}. of Fort William for all Affairs of the Honble. United E. India Company in the ports he stay'd here but 24 hours and proceeded his Voyage to Bengall.

On the 6th. Instant att night arrived from England the Susanna Capt. Richard Pennell Command^{r}. who came a shore next Morning and brought with him the Companies Packet Contain^{s}. Severall Papers and two Generall Letters dated the 9th. and 11th. Jan^{ry}. Last and so much of them as relates to their Affairs in your parts their Copies shall be sent you as soon as Conveniently we can.

But that which att present we are to advice you of is that the Honble. Company having heard of M^{r}. Braborn's being lost on the Chambers Friggot for whose Death they are very sorry, they do therefore put M^{r}. Farmer in *Statu Quo* and appoint him as formerly ꝓromised to be Deputy Govern^{r}. of Fort S^{t}. David according to our Commission to h[im and] establishing y^{e}. Council there which come [*a few words lost*] whom we would have all due respectend [*a few words lost*] as so.

The Company as by the 57 Paragra[ph of the] Generall Letter Copie of whom comes her[e in inclos]ed no ways seem to put any indignity or [on] M^{r}. Mountegue by this Change as being [a great Consola]tion to him by his being 3^{d}. of Council he [...] Commission by the Heathcote and by the [same Genn]erall Letter by Said Ship it is to be observ'd at the time they appointed M^{r}. Braborne Deputy Govern^{r}. of Fort S^{t}. David they intailed on him the succession to the Chair here, whenever the same should become vacant here and in Case of his Death to the next in degree

and nominated in those said Commission and to Mr. Farmers whom they ordr. and appoint D. Governr. as a[foresaid] they will have him to continue as still till their further order. We are the Larger on this matter to remove and Clear up any misunderstanding in this point.

We are glad your Merchants are willing to undertake for an Investmt. of Pags. 50000 to be finish[ed] by the Latter end of Decembr. [next] terms and Conditions of which we recommend to the Care of our new D. Governr. and Council, but we would not have you Strain so hard upon the Merchts. in your abatemts. as th[ey . . .] that abatemt. by the Cloth they bring [. . .] so much under [. . .] which pray take care of.

We wonder that the Surrat Cotton in so Little a time should rise from Pagods. 17 or 17¼ that it was bought for att your place to Pagods. 23 the Selling price now with you.

We Shall Send to you soon after this List of the Severall Sorts of goods we would have you provide for this years Investmt. and shall then gave answer to the 3000 Pagods. Long Cloth Letter **W** your Merchants desire to bring in on the Same terms and Conditions with our Merchants of the Same sorts.

Let all Accts. be ballance to the time Mr. Mountague Resigns and Mr. Farmer enters to Succeed the former, and draw upon us bills from time to time for what Mony you may have occasion for that all matters may Concur and the Council to Co-opperate to Strengthen the hands of the new D. Governr. that all things go on Cheerfully, and heartily & that there be no Complaining in your Streets.

We have accepted both your Bills as mentiond in your Last, and have sent you one Candy of Wax on Mallims Ship for which Comes one coil and Invoice.

We give our hearty thanks to Mr. Mountague for all his good Services, to our Honourable Masters during of his managemt. of their Affairs there.

We wish you all a good agreemt. amongst yourselves [. . .] Unity may abound with you all, with all due respect to yr. Superior from whom a reciprocall returne is due, We are with all Affection

Gentlemen

Yr. Loving Freinds &
Most humble. Servts.

Wm. Fraser.
Wm. Martin.
Rob: Raworth
Thos. Frederick.
Ri: Hunt.
Edwd. Bulkley.
Wm. Jennings.
Wm. Warre.

Fort St. George
11th. July 1710.

P.S.

The Invoice of the Wax shall come in our next.

To the Worshipfull

Jerimiah Harrison Esqr. Supervisor of all Affairs on the West Coast of Sumatria & the Depty Governr. &ca. Council of York Fort att Bencoolen.

Srs.

In the Conclusion of our former of the 27th. last Month, we acknowledge ye. receiving of yours of ye. 14th. March by Capt. Jones Via Batavia has [that he] has made us to alter our Invoice of what the [. . .] have sent you by the [augmentation of] so much more as you desired by your said Letter, but as for blew Cloth there's none in [. . .] the Manilla Ships [. . .] all of that sort as would be procured and [*a few words lost......*] List of Invoice goods to

be provided give no ord^r. for Sending them any blew Cloth, which is the Cause we have now by us You write us the sorts and Qualities of Cloth you want but the Quantities of each sorts indefinite which when we know, we shall provide for and Supply you accordingly.

We are glad that the Presid^t. after so long and Tydeous a Voyage arriv'd safely with you at last and that her Cloth came out in that good Condition you mention and therefore we require of you an acc^tt. how the same with what Long Cloth and Sallampores hath bin, sent you on the Frederick hath bin disposd of.

M^r. Skingle writes us that the Westmoreland arriv'd with them on y^e. 10th. Decemb^r. last from Bengall on whom came M^r. Jacob Dodley whom you call D. Govern^r. but we know none of that name with you to whom that Title dos any ways belong and we think it might become the Penman of that Letter to have advis'd us then himself was no more than Depty Govern^r. att the time the Nathaniel arriv'd wth. you on the 25th. Septemb^r. Last when you could not but have known by the Honble. Comp^as. Generall Letter brought you that you were made subordinate to ffort S^t. George and it had bin but Evil of you to advis'd us what Stock you rec^d. by that Ship, tho' we know it already without any thanks to you but this mighty Areana of yours which you kept so much in reverse by Concealing from us what consign'd to you from England on the Severall Ships Sent you by during the Space of so many Years as you were dependent to this Presidency you thought was to great a derogation of your own merit and the high Conceit of Yourselves by reason of your being independent which fill'd you up [with so much] vanity as to believe yourselves not obey [...] any such matters as if you [*a few words lost* different] Interests but we hope and expect better from M^r. Harrison as Superior of all affairs and we do strictly and positively ord^r. and injoin for the future by all opportunity that offer to advise us what stock of goods and Treasure you receive from time to time from England that we may know how and when to Supply as your occasion shall require.

You'l find that the Carleton from England was to have brought you Sea Chests of Treasures which att Bombay was Invoiced in Rupees, thô the [. . . ...] not Chang'd but remain'd as att first but we [. . .] out of her one Chest N°. 47 and Coin'd into [. . . .] of Mallay Fan^s. which you so much were [. . .] and have Sent you the produce of Said one [. . . . .] See by the Invoice and bill of Lading being [. . .] 100876.

With this we send Copies of all [. . .] Paragraphs of our Generall Letter rela[ting . . .] parts and therefore shall not order' to inlarge [numbers] on that point.

Send us by all opportunitys acc^ts. [. . .] with Lists of what Stores you want that [. . . .] whence to Supply you either hence or from [. . . .] you ought always to keep yourselves well [. . .] Stores of Rice and to renew in the same yearly [. . . .] wasted loss but above all to Moderate your ex[penses . . .] Retrench those former extravagant Charges the [. . .] devourd and Swallow'd up so much of the Companies Estate.

We are with all good affection
S^rs.
Y^r. well Loving Freinds & most hum^ble. Servants.

W^M. FRASER.
W^M. MARTIN.
ROB^T. RAWORTH.
THO^S. FREDERICK.
RI: HUNT.
EDW^D. BULKLEY.
W^M. JENNINGS.
W^M. WARRE.

FORT S^T. GEORGE
12TH. JULY 1710.

To CAPT. GEORGE LYTTON

COMMANDER OF SHIP CARLETON.

No. 59 We having Loaden on Board your Ship what we design for York Fort upon receipt hereof you are order'd to repair on board your Ship and with the first opportunity of Wind and Weather to weigh anchor set sail and make the best of your way for the most speediest attaining the Port of York Fort on the West Coast of Sumatria w[h]ere wn. arri'vd you are to deliver our packet here with DD you as directed To the Worshipll. Jeremiah Harrison Esqr. Supervisor of all Affairs on the West Coast of Sumatria and the D. Governr. &c. Council for Affairs of the Rt. Honble. United Comps. of Merchts. of England Tradeing to the E. Indies, att York Fort wt. ordrs. you are to follow for ye. future disposall dated in Fort St. George the 10th. day of July 1710.

THE PACKET ℘ SHIP CARLETON.

No. 1. Generall Letter to York Fort dated June 27th. 1710.
2. Do. Dated July 12th. 1710.
3. Copy of a Genll. Letter to York Fort dated March 10th. 1710 ℘ Frederick.
4. Invoice ℘ Ship Carleton Amt. to Pa. 1733 : 2 fan.
5. Bill of Lading ℘ Ship Carleton.
6. Bills of West Coast bills paid.
7. a Packet for the Honble. Compa. for York Fort.
8. a Packet from Bombay for Do.
9. List of the Packet.
10. Copy Paragraph of the Companies Letter to Fort St. George relating to the West Coast.

To MR. RICHD. FFARMER ESQR.

DEPTY. GOVR. OF FFORT ST. DAVID &c. COUNCIL.

Srs.

No. 60 The 22d. Currant we recd. yours of the 19th. of [ye.] Same being Saturday night, was Read the 24 [in] Consultation, but abundence of business [devolved] on us, att this time of the arrival of the England [Ship] in order to their unladeing and our timely d[espatch of] them for Bengall has thus long delay'd our an[swer] Sooner.

Wee observe the Low Ebb of Your Ca[sh with] a ballance of Pagods. 1235: 4: 3 paid in [. . .] Governour att the time Mr. Mountegue [. . .] we wish we could think of any safe and [. . ,] to Send you a good Supply of mony to m[. . . .] Merchants easy but att this no opportunity [. . .] you by sea & to send by Land you know is [. . . .] dous especially all the way from Pondichery [. . .] bounds by reason of the Juncanees att [. . . .] who are not to be much trusted att any [. . .] never Less than now under your present [. .] ces that two of your Garrison Officers are be [...] soners to their Masters whose hard fate we ar[e] Sorry for which a timely foresight of the an[other] cause might have presented which is too [...] as the event Convinces us and we wonder all th[is] that the Late Depty Govr. had not wrote a [Letter] of the matter to Seorap[sing . .] nor Could we hear by [. . .] Latters have [. . . .] fortunate Capt. [. . .] or China [. . .] but we approve the D. Govrs. Letter to the Governr. of Chingee dated the 15th Currant since which the Presidt. hath wrote him hence Copie of which with the Tra[n]slate was sent you Last Saturday and wish it may have the desired good effect.

We well approve your repairing the Dam̃ att Trivandaporum at the Charge of the Renters of your bounds but its being broke down may be casually rather than any designe, if you have had as much Rain in your parts as we here which oblig'd us to open the Barr to let out the River which swell'd so much the Like has not been known in this Season and usually the hot and dry time of the Year.

If the Country Renters about you have but the Summ they Rent the Countries for, and what they are to pay Yearly, mention'd in their written Contracts their Severall receipts of payment they make to the Governm^t^. would make it plainly Evident at all times how much they Remain in arrears as we formerly wrote you.

Herewith comes Invoice of the Wax last sent you on a Country Boat, as also a List of the Severall Sortes of goods we would have you Contract for with your Merchants for an Investm^t^. of Pagod^s^. 50000 rather over than under.

And as to the Long Cloth Ordinary W we take your meaning to be the Woordar Sortes which is indeed a Stout Strong Sort of Cloth but often very Gonty and uneven made and Cause a great deal of trouble and paines to wash them while [. . . .] and Wrakers than Cloth very much [. . . .] that sort of Cotten tis made of being [. . . .] besides the [Red] Sandy Soyle of [. . . .] egnats the water with a Red [. . . .] Long Cloth and [. . . .] from Turriure shealim Annamutum and Shatum is always of a Clear Light Colour and easily wash^d^. while however Let us know your Merchants price and rates of said Cloth and if Reasonable you may Gratifie them in the Quantity they desire.

Wee shall send you y^e^. Quantity of Lead you write for so soon as any Conveyance Offers.

The Company have not sent out [Tw]ine by either of the Ships the Des Bovery, and the [...] Corge or the Susanna yet in this Road, and the [...] and the Europe are not yet arriv'd which [. . . .] are, we shall have you in remembrance, we are [for your] affection.

S^rs^.

Y^r^. Loving Freinds [and]
very humble Ser[vants]

W^M^. Fraser.
W^M^. Martin.
Rob^T^. Raworth.
Tho^S^. Frederick.
Rich: Hunt.
W^M^. Bulkley.
W^M^. Jennings.
W^M^. Warre.

Fort S^T^. George
July 26TH. 1710.

To Rich^D^. Farmer Esq^R^.

Deputy Govern^R^. of Fort S^T^. David &c^A^. Council.

S^r^.

Your being out of Cash hath hitherto Lain heavy on [us] to think of the best ways and means to supply the urgent necessity, under which you Labour [& lose] time w^n^. [you] Contract with you Merch^ts^. [. . . .] advis'd you and we Con [. . . .] enough to put you out [. . . .] so much anxiety [*a few lines lost*] you send out a Sufficient Guards of Peons and Topasses under the Command of Capt. Davis to meet them att Conam[mer]convey them Safely to y^r^. hands and we shall be ready and willing to accept and pay all such bills as you shall draw upon us, as occasion shall serve. No. 61

We Continue to M^r^. Berlue in his present station his former employ of Scavenger of Teffnepatam till our further ord^r^. and we would have, advice us of all the other Severall employs and the Severall Stations they fall to of course as has happen'd upon the Late Change amongst you.

The Depty. Governr. advising the Presidt. the arrivall of the Europe was very acceptable and with such expedition as 41 hours from 12 at night of the 29 past to 5 in the afternoon Yesterday whenever here by the Same Tappies came another private Letter advising the Same but not so full in ℘r ticulars as that of the D. Governr. we note this to you the rather because most of your Genll. Letters sent us by the Tappies seldom arrives here sooner than on the 4th. day including their dates which ought to be inquired into.

We can resolve nothing as yet to the Proportion of Broad Cloth your Merchant inquire untill this Year's shipping are arriv'd it is now in great demand how the Cloth was never better dress'd, and Cured in all respects then wt. Sent out on the Ships now arriv'd and we are in hopes to advance its Sale to 60 ℘ Ct. above Invoice. [We] wish you would Send us Chuckar your [. . .] old Carpenter which you have so long [. . .] shall entertain here in the Compa. service [. . .] Invoice and bill of Loading [. . .] ing what you wrote If the unfortunate Captives at Chingee are not as yet releas'd, we leave it to you to use all such means and ways as may give his people the most Vexation in such manner as your own prudence and judgment shall direct you so that the same doth not break into open acts of Hostility and our people in their Custody do not fare the worse for't. We are

Srs.

Yr. Loving Freinds
& most humble Servants

Wm. Fraser.
Wm. Martin.
Rob: Raworth.
Thos. Frederick.
Rich: Hunt.
Edw: Bulkley.
Wm. Jennings.
Wm. Warr.

Fort St. George
August ℘o. 1710.

To Richd. Farmer Esqr.

Deputy Governour &c. Councill.

Srs.

No. 62 In Complyance we what last [wrote you] we now perform what we them (*sic*) promis'd [. . .] in Company with Doctor Morton Pagod [as 10000 in] the Care and Charge of 34 trusty Peons, wh[ich] as ℘ the inclos'd List, whereof is Cheif for [. . .] expedition Chellum Ramadu.

The Europe arriv'd this Road the 2d. Cu[rrant] brought us about 27 Souldrs. most of them in [a] weakly and Sickly Condition, but we hope wi[ll be] Looking after, they may all re[mai]n.

We are in great [. . .] the Rohosinr. of the Capt. [. . .] Presidt. and ye. D. [Govr. . .] may have wrought [*a few lines lost*] Doc. Mortons great indisposition having brought him to as low and Weak a Condition as that for some days his recovery was very much doubted was the occasion of his Staying so Long a time here as from the Latter end of May Last till now during wch. time of his absence we suppose the allowance orderd for his Pallankeen Coolies may have eras'd till his return we think it but reasonable that you allow and pay him the Trravlling Charges of his Pallankeen boyes home as going a long and in Compay with the Treasures now Sent you he having been no Charges to the Company sine his Stay here.

We likewise inclose to you an Acctt. of what one Tayton of your Gunners Crew is indebted to the Steward of our Hospitall for Diets likewise what advanced him in Mony here by our Paymaster which we would have you deduct out of his pay as the same shall become due for such Trifles are not worth being enter'd in our books here. We are

S[rs].

Very Loving Freinds
and humble Servants

W[m]. FRASER.
W[m]. MARTIN.
ROB : RAWORTH.
THO : FREDERICK.
RICH : HUNT.
EDW : BULKLEY.
W[m]. JENNINGS.
W[m]. WARR.

FORT S[T]. GEORGE
[AUGUST] 4TH. 1710.

TO THE HON[BLE]. ANTHONY WELDEN ESQ[R].

PRESID[T]. OF BENGALL & GOV[R]. OF FORT WILLIAM
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HON[BLE]. UNITED E. INDIA COMP[A]. &C[A]. COUNCILL.

S[RS].

Altho' we cannot as yet expect any advices from [. . .] so soon over land, as to Certifie us of the King William y[e]. [IV . . .] being arriv'd with you yet we may reasonable presum[e that] he is as having Sail'd hence 6 past for your [. . .] grounding our beleife we gladly take this [. . ,] all hearty affection and unfeign'd Zeal to [. . .] Hon[ble]. Anthony Welden Esq[r]. into so eminent a [position] and great trust, as is that of being President as [. . .] of Bengall to whose wise and prudent act of [. . .] and good Managem[t]. of all affairs we wish [you Happiness] and prosperity. **No. 63**

Our last to you was the 12th. of June by the Tankerville [. . .] hands of M[r]. Martin one the males of the S[ervants of the] Cap[t]. not having been so mannerly as to take [. . .] he went off tho' Civily used herr.

On the 21th. of June Cap[t]. Leslie of the Abing[ton sail'd] for England under his Bombay dispatch.

On the 11th. last month arriv'd here the Des Bouverie from the Cape & on the 13th. that month, we dispatch [d the] Carleton Cap[t]. Lyttony for the West Coast, her Car [ry]ing of Six Treasure, Bales, Salt Petre, and Red [wood] to Pagod[s]. 21733 : 2 : as ℘ Invoice and Bills of [Lading] On the 2[d]. this month arriv'd here the Europe, who left also the 24th. May, and on the 25th. of the Same mo[nth] with the Somers going into [. . .] all of them but that the great Cabin [. . .] having so gredious [. . .] Severall Ships one of [. . .] to have ingag'd[. . .] of Paragraph [*a few words lost*].

We are now dispatching to you the Susanna with all her English Invoice & bill of Loding Quantity of [Lee] Coale bring 15¾ Chaldren the Hon[ble]. Presid[t]. [Wellden] desiring us to send you all we could conveniently spare we likewise Continue on board the Susanna 50 Piggs of Lead which the Cap[t]. tell us lyes under the Coales and Cannot well become att it's weight and Coast you'ld find in that Ships Invoice hence, as also the prime Cost of the Coales.

We likewise continue to you on board the Des Bouverie all the Iron and Lead she brought from England excepting 16 Rolls of Sheet Lead brought ashore here. On both Ships we send you Large Quantity of Red wood and shall continue to Send you more upon the Europe and the S[t]. George when it pleases God he arrives and we are in great pain what to think of his staying so long.

By all which you may perceive you'l have Store enough of Red wood to lye by upon y^r^. hands after you have Laden on board on all the Ships you intend for England their respective Charterparty Quantity for Dunage.

Out of which stores of Redwood it may be of good use and advantage to your place if you woud Secure your ffort and ffactories against the danger of the River encroaching or any ways & gaining upon in the time of the Freshes when y^e^. River Surmounts its banks and Overflows the Land which the driving of Piles of Redwood to Secure the banks would prevent by Traising (*sic*) Strong Substantiall [...] Stone or brick upon the foundation of [. . .] of Redwood which are lasting & [. . .] we find by the experience made here [. . .] this month or the beginning of [the next month...] Frederick to return to us [. . .] to our former ord^r^. whom we intend God willing to dispatch hence a full Laden Ship for England next October and then and not before she arrives we shall be able to judge what Quantity of Tonadge we would have to send us to arrive here by the Latter end of Novemb^r^. next, that we may fill up with our goods of this place so as to make a mio [...] Cargo to dispatch hence for England next Jan^ry^. which is agreeable to what the Honble. Company have [...] and Seem to have establish'd as a Standing [...] Our last advices of the 4th. March from the W[est Coast] that the Nathaniel from England arriv'd the [re in] Septemb^r^. having been but 4 months 9 days [on the sea] that they had on the 19 Janry last dispa[tched West] moreland a full Laden Ship for England as [. . .] would Send home the Nathaniel a full Ship [. . .] after and that they would Send home the [. . .] they expected a full Ship next Janry and [. . .] Promise should promise in the performance [. . .] be two of this Years Shipping Lye upon the [. . .] The Sherbourn of 250 Ton and the [. . .] 310 Ton one of which if not both we are [. . .] they will send us, as not knowing otherwise [. . .] dispose off them, and this is the Reason we [. . .] Certain advise you what Ships we would have [taken] to arrive here next Novemb^r^. for us to fill a p[art of] next Janry untill the Frederick as we have sa[id arrive] here which so soon as she is we shall forth[with send] you off.

After we shall have dispatch'd the Frederick [. . .] for England, we hope we shall [. . .] to get [. . .] ready here and at ffort [. . .] next Janry one of them [. . .] Lessen Tonadge provid[e . . .] can spare over and [. . .] ships as you [*three lines lost*] Shipping relateing to the Ship Concord whose Originall Stock from England and the improvement thereof in India they have bought up and taken that Ship into their Service as you'l find by the Owners Letters to that Capt. and both Super Cargos and have assignd and made over that ships Charterparty to the Honble. Company.

Enclos'd Comes our Warehousekeepers Acctt^s^. the Ship Hallifax Tonadge and damaged Salt Petre from Bengall hither likewise a List w^t^. packing Stuff &ca. we would have to send up any of the Comp^as^. Ships, that you cannot otherwise send home or let out to freight.

What goods and Treasure we have Laden on the Des Bouverie and the Susanna you will see by their respective Invoices and bills of Lading which come inclos'd one of which Ships we have order'd to touch and Call in att Metchlepatam there to demand and take on board the Kings present to carry with them to Bengall consigns according to Zoode Cawnes former and Latter orders who hath promis'd to forward the same the weariest way to Court at first we resolv'd the Des Bouverie should call in at Metchlepatam to perform this Service but upon Second thoughts & in Consideration of the Necessities of M^r^. Hedges being at Bengall so soon as possible whose is large and long experience may be at use there we have resolv'd the Des Bouverie on which he is to take his [passage . .] proposed directly for Bengall and that the Susannah in her way to Beng^ll^. touch & [call at Metch] lepatam and Vizagapatam [. . .] about 48 hours at either place [. . .] Send us the adjustments of all [. . .]. all and Fort St. George [. . .] we rec'd a Packet from the [. . .] directed to the Honble. the Presid^t^. and

Council of Bengall, which we now send you by the same Ship that brought it hither. By the inclos'd Lists you'l know whats wanting of the stores come out on the Des Bouverie and y^e^. Susanna which to have been deliver'd here according to their [Invoice] and respective bills of Lading which they must adjust and acc^ts^. for either to you, or the Comp^a^. at home. There's one John Goodvin who came on the Des Bouverie to serve the Honble. Company as [...] in this Garrison whom at the request of M^r^. [...] permit to go to Bengall to serve the Campaigne [. . . .] Garrison at Calcutta.

The accompanying Papers are Copies [. . . .] Paragraphs of Letters from Pondicherry [. . . .] gentlman of the place by which yor. Hon^r^. [. . . .] observe what faint and weak hopes these [. . . .] of the St. Malloas French ships to a [. . . .] Season after all their so long and earnest [. . . .] tion. We are affectionately

S^r^.

Honble: & Y^r^: hon^r^:
Freinds & most humble [Serv^ts^.]

W^M^. Fraser.
W^M^. Martin.
Rob: Raworth.
Thos: Frederick.
Rich: Hunt.
Ed: Bulkly.
W^M^. Jennings.
W^M^. Warr.

Fort S^t^. George
August 7TH. 1710.

To Capt. Hugh Raymond
Commander of Ship Des Bouverie.

Upon receipt hereof you are order'd to repair on board your Ship and with the first opportunity of Wind and Weather to weigh anchor sett sail and make the best of your way for the [Spe]diest attaining the Port of Bengall where when arriv'd you are to deliver your Packet herewith deliver'd you as direct'd to the Honble. Anthony Wellden Esqr. Govern^r^. of Fort William and Presid^t^. for Affairs of the R^t^. Honble. United Company of Merch^ts^. of England Trading to the E^t^. Indies in Bengall &c. Councill whose orders you are to follow for the future disposall Dated in Fort S^t^. George this fourth day of August 1710. N°. 164

[List of] the Packet to Bengall ℘ Des Bouverie.

N°. 1. Fort St. George Generall to Bengall dated 7th Aug: 1710.
2. Invoice ℘ ship Des Bouverie am^ting^. to Pa. 112050. 5. 2.
3. Bill of Loading for D^o^.
4. Coppy Paragraphs of 2 Letters one rec^d^. from Pollict (*sic*) the other from Capt. Peacock.
5. Coppie for the Paragraph of the Honble. Comp^as^. Letter to Fort S^t^. George relateing to the Concord.
6. Warehousekeep^rs^. report of the Companies Tonage on Ship Hallifax.
7. Sea Customes report of private Traders Ship Hallifax.
8. On acc^t^. of the damage Salt Petre ℘ Hallifax.
9. Acc^t^. of goods and Stores wanting from Bengall.
10. Storekeepr's Acc^t^. of Stores wanting ℘ Des Bouverie.
11. [......] Stores wanting ℘ Susanna.
12. [......] Honble. Company for Bengall.
[*Two lines lost*].

To Mr. Philip Noden
at Metchlepatam.

No. 65 Yours of the 13th Past wee received here on the 8th. [Inst.] with the severall inclosed Papers and letters [then] passed between your self and Meerza Mah[di] whome wee take to be the Govern r. and [...] but the Phouzdar of Metchlepatam or De [puty]. Former who lives some miles distance fro[m ...] which gives a great inconvenience to [. . . .] to begin a new Correspondence with Meerza [Mahdi] Jarbeague who keeps his Residence at Bessa[da] or Six leagues from Metchlepatam and Al[...] (tho otherwise a good man) will easilly [...] as being but a Deputy and Can't act firm [witht.] leave of his Superiour such delayes and [...] time does no wayes agree with so few a [. . . .] as wee shall limitt you to for the dispatch [of] Ship wee intend to send you hence by whome [...] you again.

On the same Ship called [. . . .] [Sus]annah Mr. Thomas Faucett takes his passage [for] Vizagapatam where he is to Reside as th[o . . . .] Councill but in his way thither we shall [ask] the Ship Susannah to touch and [call . . .] whome wee shall [. . . .] make a legall demand [. . . .] the same may be [. . . .] Carried to Bengall [. . . .] Anthony Well [. . . .] which our orders to Mr. Faucett and your self you will see our mind [&] meaning is to make a legall demand of the present by all the perswasive wayes and means you can without Committing any Force or acts of hostillity which does not well suite with our present Circumstances as not haveing got any Phirmaund from Court or answere from the Suba of Golcondah to what wrote him for leave to send the Present forward to Ben[gall] nor are the Cossids from Zoodee Cawne you advise us of having been [sent to] Metchlepatam, yet arrived here and the letters they bring no doubt [will] be of good use to guide and direct our selves by Wee have there [fore] sent out a Couple of our nimblest Peons in Company with yours [directi]ng to meet with those Cossids and receive the Pacquett of and hasten the same to us supposeing they may be weary [&] much Fatigued in so long a Journey.

But you are to remember as Formerly wrote you, that [prese]nts are to be returned as soon as the monson shall Favour [they] being sent hither by sea.

The Persia rich Embroydered silk Cap in box No. 74 being sent [...ves] a mistake for it never was but remained here which wee [have] now sent to Bengall on the Des Bouverie and the bill of loading of the Present mentioning two trunks both of them No. 21 was light and the Invoice ought to be the same all which with Chest number 108 shall be made evidently plain to you by our next till when wee are

Your loving Friends
William Fraser.
Edmond Mountague.
William Martin.
Robert Raworth.
Thomas Frederick.
Richard Hunt.
Edward Bulkley.
William Jennings.
William Warre.

Fort St. George
August 12th. 1710.

To Richd. Farmer Esqr.
Deputy Governr. of Fort St. David &c. Council.

Srs.

No. 66 Our last to you this by Doctor Morton was of the [. . . .] and hope these Pagods. 10000 then sent with a G[aurd] is safely arriv'd with you since when came to [. . . .] of the same which we would not delay'd so

[long . . . .] answer to, were it not for the multiplicity of [. . . . cross'd] in upon us at this time of sending down [. . . .] shiping to Bengall and to adjust matters so that [. . . .] their Cargo we take ashore how and what we [. . . .] board of them for this Bay may agree with [. . . .] bills of Lading and Invoices from England.

And tho' the Hon[ble]. Company have plainly [directed] what part of their stock Sent out upon all the [Ships] Consign'd to this place they order us to send down [. . . .] which is nearest to 2/3 of the whole yet we [. . . .] and in some doubt how to proportion the Quantity [to be] Sent down to the Bay in Case any otherwise then No [...] to the S[t]. George w[ch]. God forbid or at best [she] arrives here so late as may render gaining her [Voyage] to the Bay doubtfull if not hazardous it being now so near the Season for the Northerly Monsoon to set in by all which may be observed how egregeously that Cap[t]. had deviated from his orders.

The Des Bouverie we dispatch'd hence on the 11th. Curt. for the Bay with a stock of goods and Treasure as ℘ Invoice A [mount] to Pagod[s]. 11205. 0. 7 and the Susanna we shall dispatch hence some time this week, the goods of whose Invoice is Pagodas 65187. 34. 40 in her way to Bengall she is to touch and call in att Metchlepatam [. . . .] and receive on board all the Severall parcells of [. . . .] for the King Shaalim which has ly [. . . .] August last now 4 Months and carry the same [to] Bengall according to Zoodee Cawn's former [orders] who arriv'd at Hughly the p°. June last and [. . . .] forward the same the nearest way to Dillee in [. . . .] Presid[t]. rec[d]. here the 1st. Instant by his [. . . .] purpose he seem'd to profess a real and sincere freind Ship for the Hon[ble]. Company he hath likewise sent Prince Azamudors Nishon to the Govern[r]. satisfying the great Hon[r]. and Respect he hath for the English Nation.

The Europe we hope to dispatch some few days after the Susanna who is likewise to touch at Metchlepatam to take on board the Present if it cannot be effected in so short a time as the three days we have Limited to the Susanna for her stay at that Port. Having promised thus much to give you some insight of our affairs here, we shall now reply to all the needfull of your said Letter dat[d]. the 8th. Currant. We thank you for the news you gave us of the french Ships from Mocco and the ill fate of the Dutch ships taken by them which in the main agrees wth. some other Acc[t]. we had of the same.

We had some time ago design'd a present for the Duan without which there's no approaching him especially where there's any favour or request to be obtain'd but we hearing by Common report which is Various that the Duan stood very precarious in his present Governm[t]. as to any continuance made us thus long detard our first intention till now that this day brings us the news from Arcot as rec[d]. there from Court that Cawn Bhadar had conferr'd on Daud Cawn all his former Governm[t]. in those parts with a larger extent of Countries and a much greater Jageir by which the Duan is confirm'd as ℘ the enclos'd Narrative which is true we must now perform in a matter of fact to the Duan what we had so long put off w[th]. [. . . .] promises and then we will take to it our request [. . . .] Captives at Chingee meantime we [. . . .] translate of Serop Sing's Letter to the [. . . .] desires some ingenious proper [. . . .] him to discource that whole [. . . .] so that in the end we may [. . . .] understanding of the means of [. . . .] firm and good Freindship between us the plain Sense of which bears no other meaning than that a proper and an accountable [Person] Should be sent [there] but what he means of his Jageir [due] to him out of [his] bounds is such a Mystery as we do not any ways understand we paying yearly here Pagod[s]. 35 to the Concoy[ply] and in Consideration of all the Comp[as]. bounds with [your and] our Villages here who is the Kings propper Officers [for] recovering and Collecting said Duties.

That we may remove all manner of [Grumbling in] your Merchants that may detain'd the ma [. . . .] of their timely performance of their Contract [. . . .] we agree to Gr[ant] their request of a [. . . .] Peices of 4 p

and [. ..] Covid Betteelas, but then [. . . .] abate to us in the quantity of the Oringall of [. . .. .] the whole was to but 1000 Peices and in [. . . . .] as if all the other Severall Sortes to be proved [. . .] and your place in proportion is that we Con [. . . . .] for 2/3 and you [...] face for 1/3 of the Said severall peices of Cloth tis alterd hope that you must [. . . .] have by you allready a m[us]ter of the Oringinall Betteelas because it hath been sent [to] you hence some years agoe and where the List [S^{t}. ...] Ditto Finer we have no muster of and therefor your Merchants must make one as fine as can be made and send us the same with it's price that we may compare with that which our Merchants are to make and bring in here.

The Doubt & Scruple you make Seems Just as to the Long Cloth and Sallampores order'd for brown being wrote the next Letter [. . . .] Species while Call'd Middling we [. . . .] in England for upon receiving all [. . . . .] ence for England we find none of the [. . . .] brown was ever sent home and we believe [. . . .] are meant and for your better guidence [. . . .] los'd one of the Originall Lists from [England . . . .] We write you now to resolve this dou [. . . .] however it happens we were not very Sollicitous to keep up exactly to the Quantities of brown Cloth now ordered by this Years shipping by reason we were Necessitated to [Exceed] very much the Quantities of those Sortes or orderrd. to be f [...] by the last years Shipping else we should not have [been] able to have dispatch'd in their propper Season the [...] rathest Somers and Kent.

As to the farming [of the] Arrack Licence which you say will expire about the latter end of this month we wish you had sent us of the Preamble of the Forms and Conditions on which the Same to be let out to, but be it how it will We do strictly and possitively injoyne and forbid that no Retailer of arrack to trust any of the Military below the degree of Serjeant so much as one fanam worth of Arrack which if they presume to do there shall be no Stopage for the same made at the Pay Table for the Paym^{r}. of any such as shall presume to trust 'em which has been the Practice of this place for many years, Our Paymaster [...] making no other manner of stoppage more than Securing the Paym^{t}. of their Diet. and paying for their [...] Coats the rest of their Pay is duly paid 'em which if they Spend we cannot help and this our [...] we would have you publish in all the Severall Languages to be affixt att the Choultry and all the Gates of Towns Coddelore and Jeffnapatam as well as the English and I am Dia [...] [. . . you] may pretend Ignorance we are.

S^{rs}.
Y^{r}. good Freinds
& very hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.
W^{M}. FRASER.
W^{M}. MARTIN.
ROB : RAWORTH.
THO : FREDERICK.
RICH : HUNT.
EDW : BULKLEY.
W^{M}. JENNINGS.
W^{M}. WARRE.

P.S.

James Tayton of whom advis'd in our last and one of your Gunners Crew not being able to trade it on Fort S^{t}. David we have entertaind in the Gunners Crew here, we desire you advise us in your next what payment of his Wages you have made to his wife and Family there since Aprill Last Including w^{n}. he left your place our Paym^{rs}. here having paid him three months Wages from the 20th. Aprill ending the 20th. July last.

To the Honble. Anthony Welden Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govern^r^. of Bengall for
Affairs of the R^t^. Honble. the United English
E^t^. India Comp^a^. Trading to the E^t^. India &c. Councill.

Honble. S^rs^. &c^a^.

On the 11th. this month we dispatchd to you the Des Bouverie with a Cargoe of goods and Treasure am^o^. to Pagodas 112050. 5. 2 as appears by the foot of that ships Inv^o^. as also our Generall Letter of the 7 Currant Copies of wch. comes here with and now we dispatch'd to you the Susannah with a Cargoe [. . .] Treasure amounting to Pagod^s^. 65181 [. . .] Grant them to arrive Safely with you [. . .] No. 67

The Susannah [. . .] nd in her way to call in and touch att M[etchlepatam] and Vizagapatam att the former to demand [. . .] board [and] Kings Present where she is not to [. . .] and then to proceed to Vizagapatam where she is not to stay any Longer then 48 hours unless urgent Necessity requires a little Longer Stay and thence proceed directly to Bengall.

The Europe we shall send in a few days after the Susanna to touch att Metchlepatam as supposing the Susannah may not have effected what sent for thither in so short a time as we Limited her stay att that Port.

On the 12th. Instant arriv'd here Letters from Zoode Cawn with Prince Azamudens Nishen to the President which are now translateing but not yet finish'd which when they are shall send you Copies of them.

On the 14th. this month came to our hands yours of the 17th. June last to the needfull of all which we shall give answer and send by the Europe but w^t^. bales and Treasure we shall send down upon her we cannot yet wth. my Certainty advice.

On the 12th. Ins^t^. here arriv'd the John and Elizabeth a Seperate Stock Ship in 37 days from Persia who brings but a very bad acc^o^. of affairs on that side Moccho being quite ruined rob^d^. and spoiled by the Wild Arabs the Dunegall was hach'd by a Muscale Man of Warr and the S^t^. David belonging to this place forced in to take Sanchiary (*sic*) and protection at the Port of Adden so wishing all prosperity to the Honble. Comp^s^. Affairs under your management we remain with all Affection.

Honble. S^rs^. &c^a^.

Y^r^. hon^rs^. &c very good
Freinds
and most humble Servants

W^m^. Fraser.
W^m^. Martin.
Ro: Raworth.
Tho: Fredderick.
Ri: Hunt.
E^d^. Bulkley.
W^m^. Jennings.
W^m^. Warr.

P.S.

We sent you by Capt. Raymond a Tortoise Shell lance guilded as also a Persia Rich embroiderable Cap to be added to what you intend to present Zoudee Cawn with a [. . .] of which M^r^. [. . .] with him.

Fort [S^t^. George]
August 17th. 1710.

ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO M^R^. THOMAS FAUCETT 3^D^. OF COUNCILL WHEN ATT VIZAGATA^M^. AND TO M^R^. PHILIP NODEN RESIDING ATT METCHLEPATAM.

S^RS^.

N°. 68 We having in May last agreed here with [The owners] of the Ship Morning Starr to touch and call in at [Metchlepa]tam in her way to Bengall, with our orders to M^r^. [. . .] Demand and require of the then Phousdar [not only to] Permitt the Kings present to be shipt off on board [. . .] but likewise that he should assist our people with [Coolys Boats] and Boatmen to effect the same but by the means [of the] Gusbudars underhand practice with the Government [and] Crafety insinuations with the new come Governour [. . .] att Bessavara and Gullabaraw the then Phous[dar att] Metchlepatam that he so far prevail'd with th[e . . .] dred our good designe intirely abortive and that Ship after so long stay proceeded on her Voyage to Ben[gall] without doing any thing att Metchlepatam.

We now attempt a Second tryall by Sending down the Susannah to your Port on whom goes M^r^. Thos. Faucett whom we would have respected as Cheif during his stay att Metchlepatam in the Management of the Affairs of the Present with M^r^. Nodens Assistant in this matt^r^. as well as to endeavour both of you what you can to perswade and prevaile with the old Companies Merchants that they either come themselves [or] send their Gomastoes or Factors hither upon the [first *a few words lost*] of the Northerly Monsoon and bring up [. . .] the Severall sortes of Chay goods whereof [. . .] M^r^. Faucett a List and we promise what [. . .] are not for our purpose that they Cannot [. . .] they shall have Liberty to Carry away [. . .] manner of the Custome of this Port if this can be [. . .] it will be a Signalar (*sic*) price of good Service to the Company and we shall pay them ready Mony here for what Sortes and quantities we shall buy of them that comes up to Muster and therefore we wou'd have M^r^. Faucett to recide and Lodge in the Companies Factory and that all his necessary Expences be on the Companies acc^tt^. in which we hope he will be frugall and that such Necessary expences as Diet &c. incident Charge be defray'd by M^r^. Noden out of the Mony he may have in his hands thereof or belonging to M^r^. Fredderick and let him draw bills upon us for the Same payable to his order here which shall be accepted and discharged accordingly.

This we order as Supposeing all things cannot be got ready to effect and finish the main designe of our Sending M^r^. Faucet thither which is the Kings Pres^t^. in so short a time as we have fixt and determinate the Susannahs stay at your Port being but 3 days after which she is to proceed Vizagapatam and Bengall as we shall order in our open dispatch to the Captain.

And to remedy the Short Stay to Susanna att Metchlepatam we shall in few days after her dispatch hence send you another Ship the Europe Capt. Briant Command^r^. which interall (*sic*) of time between both Ships we hope will be Sufficient for you to negotiate with the Governm^t^. and finish the whole Affair of the Kings present so that so soon as the Europe arrives you may have nothing more to do but Lade the Same off, on board Ship with new Invoices and bills [of Lading] Consigning the Same to the Honble. Anthony [Welldon Esqr.] President and Govern^r^. &c. Council for [the Companys] Affairs in Bengall and send us Copies [thereof...] which when done M^r^. Faucett is to go [. . .] Europe and proceed for Vizagapatam [. . .] his appointed station as 3^d^. of that [Council] take place next after M^r^. Zoode Cawn being made a Suba or Nabob[of]Bengall arriv'd att Hughly on the first of June last in [. . .] state Commissionated in [. . .] places of Power and great trust and Lord[High] Admirall of all the Sea Ports from Negapatam to Ballasore who hath accordingly sent us Circulatory Letters to all the Severall and respective Europe Govern^rs^. all along the Coast to advise them the same, he hath sent the Presid^t^. a Lett^r^. full of Love and respect as also a Nishaun from the Prince Royall Azamuden testyfying his great and sincere respect to the Honble. English Company all which were [received] on the 12th. Instant att Night and on the 14th. [after...] the Presid^t^. dispatch'd overland his excellencies [. . .] Musaferbegue Coursubardar att Metchlepatam [. . .] down by Sea the Kings Presents to Bengall

which [. . .] will facilitate all Masters that there Cannot no[w be] any block or Rub in the way to hinder Shipping [carrying] the Present and the Coursuburdar may go away [with...] the same if he pleases.

We Send by Mr. Faucett the Presidts. Letter [to] Allum Cawn with a small present for him [who] we here (*sic*) is a good man that he may the better assist you as to Coolies Boats and Boatmen as likewise Letters to the Cheif Governr. att Bassavara if need be and to Gullaburaw the Late Phousdr. and to the Kings Coursabardar Musaferbegue to the later we would have you Read to him but not deliver Copie of Zoode Cawns Letter to the Presidt. alter'd by the Cojee here, to the end he may not plead any excuse in Case the order to him from Bengall Sent home overland, as has been Said shou'd miscarry or be lost.

Mr. Noden in some of his former Letters to us advise that there are about Sixteen Parcells [for the Pre]sent in the bills of Lading more than what m[. . .] Invoices sent him hence about Some 4 months [. . .] this Case [is or] would have you add them to the Fort [. . .] them towards the Left side [. . .]ying the same not to have been Invoic'd from the [. . .] and therefore their Cost and Charges not known [to you ad]vise us the Same with Marks and Numbe[rs of *a* . . .] for us to rectifie here and if possible their Contents and Quality. Wee wish you good Success in the Affairs recommended to you and are

Your humble Servants

WM. FRASER.
WM. MARTIN.
ROB: RAWORTH.
THO: FREDERICK.
RICH: HUNT.
EDW: BULKLEY.
WM. JENNINGS.
WM. WARR.

FORT ST. GEORGE
AUGUST 19TH. 1710.

LIST OF PAPERS DD TO MR. FAUCETT.

No. 1. Instructions to Messrs. Faucett and Noden.
2. Translate of the Presidts. Lettr. to the Phousdar att Metchlepatam.
3. Invoice of the Present.
4. Bill of Loading.
5. Presidts. Letter to Gulabrae late Phousdar of Metchlepatam.
6. Presidts. Letter to Alome Cawne Phousdar of Metchlepatam.
7. Presidts. Letter to the Gusbardar.
8. Presidts. Letter to the Governour att Bassawar.
9. Coppy of Zoodee Cawns Letter to the President.

TO FRANCIS HASTINGS ESQR.
CHEIF OF VIZAGAPATAM &C.
COUNCILZ.

SRS.

We now only acknowledge having on the 14th. Currt. receid. yours of the 27th. No. 69.
of July last to which we shall give [. . .] and Send the Same by the Europe which [. . .] dispatch to you in a few days but that [. . . Bengall] is to call in and touch att Metchlepatam [. . .] take on board the Kings Presents [. . .] long there and we fear not [. . .] Mr. Thos. Faucett who takes his passage [by the] Susanna to Metchlepatam and then [*a few words lost*] Europe to proceed to Vizagapatam where we appoint him 3d. of Councill there and to take place next after Mr. Robert Cranwell.

On the Europe we shall send you what desired by your Gennerall Letter.

We cannot apprehend what should be the Cause of Habib Cawn and Fuckerlee Cawns makeing so large dem[ds]. of buying so much Powder of you, and we are [apt to] beleive some ill designe att the Bottom off it and the P[. . .] having lost for ever their once strong hold [. . .] to the Arabbs, was by a Strategem of such another [. . .] Contrivance which ought to make you continuous and [. . .] Seeing their engagem[ts]. with the Woodman are rather [. . .] Little Skirmig (sic) than any thing of Sett Battles.

As to the Matter of the Debt due to FuckerlaCawn it is our full and finall resolution not to pay one [pie out] of it untill we are first well assured that the old Cojees Seal is affixt to the Obligation M[r]. Holcombe [. . .] and truly to the Nabob the next point is what that Ballance is which Fuckerlee Cawn Says remains due to him for that according to the Mahomitants Law which is their religion as Contain'd in their Alcoran they Cannot Demand and indeed receive any Interest of any Person whatever either of their own or any other Religion which is the joint opinion of all those here about us that are accounted, the best Interpreters of their Law & Religion w[ch]. is all one according to the Translate of their said Opinion herewith sent you and the Originall attested by the Cojee and this our Resolution we think is past just especially if it be the Companies [*a few words lost*] that unluckly Debt att last.

We Send [. . .] Madrass Pagod[s]. 2500 for the [. . .] Factory.

W[M]. Fraser.
W[M]. Martin.
Rob: Raworth.
Tho[s]: Frederick.
Rich: Hunt.
Edw: Bulkley.
W[M]. Jennings.
W[M]. Warre.

Fort St. George
August 18TH. 1710.

List of the Packett to Vizagapatam.

N°. 1. Gennerall Letter dated August 18th. 1710.
2. Invoice of Factors provissions and Treasure Laden on the Susanna.
3. Bill of Loading of D°.
4. Mahomets Law out of the Alcoran concerning Interest.
5. List of the Packet.

To Cap[t]. Richard Pinnell
Commander ℔ Ship Susannah.

No. 70. Upon receipt hereof you are order'd to repair on board your Ship and with the first opportunity of Wind and Weather to weigh anchor Sett Sail and make the best of your way for the speediest attaining the Port of Metchlepatam where when arriv'd you are to Land and put on shoar M[r]. Thomas Faucett who's orders you are to observe desireing your short stay their in which you are not to exceed 3 or 4 days which when expired you are to proceed directly for Vizagapatam and there DD our Packett directed to Francis Hasting Esq[r]. Cheif &c. Councill for Affairs of the R[t]. Hon[ble]. United Company of Merchants of England Tradeing to the E[t]. Indies, where you are to stay not above 48 hours and this by virtue of this Dispatch to proceed directly thence to Bengall where you are to deliver our Packett as directed to the Hon[ble]. Anthony Wellden Esq[r]. &c[a]. and whose orders you are to follow for the future disposall and date this in Fort S[t]. George 19th. August 1710.

[Govr. & councill of] Fort William and Presid^t. for affairs of the R^t. Honble. United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the E^t. Indies in Bengall.

LIST [OF THE PACK]ETT TO THE BAY ℘ SUSANNAH.

No. 1. [Gen]erall Letter dated August 17th. 1710.
2. [. . .] D°. dated August 1710 ℘ Des Bouverie.
3. [. . .] Ship Susannah am^ts. to Pag^s. 65187 : 16 : 4.
4. Bill of Loading of D°.
5. Coppy of the Des Bouverie's Invoice.
6. 2^d Bill of Loading for D°.
7. List of the Packett.

TO THE SUPER CARGOES OR
COMMAND^RS. OF ANY SHIP OR VESSELL
ATT TRINCOMBAR.

We having by Letters of the 19th. Inst. as iss[ued from] Pondicherry as from the Depty Govern^r. of Fort S^t. David certain advices that early that Morning four Ships from the E. Ward [stood in] for the Road off Coddolore putting abroad English Colours and then Steer'd for Pondicherry putting off their disguise of English in that of their true Native French Colours the Comodore is a Ship of burden and Countenance, the next to her a Light Snugg Ship the other [Ship] of a Lesser Burden, they all four arriv'd into Pondicherry [Road] by Noon that day but whether they be the S^t. Mallows [which they] expected or Men of Warr is that which yet we have no [. . . . .] of, all of them have top Gallon Sail Masts. N°. 71

There for if you happily meet with those our advices, you would let go directly for Bengall or Stand out to Sea and fall in exactly with this Port and if chance to fall to the Northward the winds att this time of the year will serve you to come in and as we are apprehensive when these ships have put a shoar w^t. they designe they will then Cruise to the S°: ward for our expected Ships of which if you are inform'd and that you are in any emmenant danger from them and have either of y^e. Forts of Negapatam or Trincombar to Friend we then order you there to land your Treasure and what goods of Value belonging to the Honble. Company and send us full and speedy advices & remain there if you can with strength [. . . . .] sending such your advices by way of Fort [. . . . .] advice forward them to us by Fresh Peons otherwise go directly [. . . . .] send this first to Fort S^t. David by [. . . . .] settlem^ts. that the Govern^r. and Council may [. . . . .] more news they hear and to send you forthwith [. . . . .] as they shall see Occasion which you are to observe [. . . . .] from us. Wee are

Your hum^ble. Serv^ts.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM MARTIN.
ROB^T. RAWORTH.
THO^S: FREDERICK.
RICH^D. HUNT.
EDW^D. BULKLEY.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
WILLIAM WARR.

P. S.

This letter after furuseing (*sic*) you are to make up with a New Cover, and the Same direction to be return'd a shoar for the use and benefitt of any other ship that may follow you design'd for Fort S^t. George, or Fort St. David.

FORT S^T. GEORGE
AUGUST 22ND. 1710.

To the Honble. Danll. Bernard

Govern r. for Affairs of the Rt. Honble.
Netherlands Et. India Compa. on the Coast of
Chormandel and Govr. [of] Negapatam
&ca. Council.

Honble. Srs. &ca.

No. 72 Altho' we have not as yet receiv'd any Lettrs. from any hand, nor even from our honour'd good Friends, & Neighbours the Cheif and Council of Pollicatt to certifie us, of ye. change of Governmt. att Negapatam so as we might have sooner and more timely testing our respects and Sincere Friendly affection to the Honble. Daniel Bernard to the succession of so great a Port of Governmt. whom we heartily Congratulate with our best Wishes for his health and Prosperity requesting his honble. will be pleas'd to Continue to us the Friendly [affection] we had with his worthy Predecessor the [. . . .] Vansberland for which his good Friend [. . . .] now a formerly return our hearty thanks [. . . .] your Honr. &ca. Cannot by [. . . .] heard of the four French Ships that [. . . .] on the 19/30 this Month they are [. . . .] Ships so long expected [here] two of them look to be Ships of good [. . . .] ill news, so soon as recd. we advis'd [. . . .] and Councill of Pollicatt of a[and] being assured it was ye. first advices they Cou'd have so Early they pressage no good to the Trade of this and yr. Place pray God that none of yours or our Ships fall into their Hands, for which reason, and to prevent as much as we can any such ill designs of their's we request ye. favour of your Honr. &c to lodge with you the accompanying Lettr. to be sent off on board any, of our expected English or Country Ships and that you'll please to favour any Such Ship or ships wth. yr. Protection and Friendly assistance if need shou'd require the Charges of all which we will Thankfull pay to your ordr. either here or Pollicatt besides the great obligation you will put upon

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Your affecte : good
Friends & Most
Humble Servants

Fort Sr. George
August 22d. 1710.

Wm. Fraser.
Wm. Martin.
Robt. Raworth.
Tho : Frederick.
Rich : Hunt.
Edw : Bulkley.
Wm. Jennings.
Wm. Warr.

To the Honble. Johannes

Sigismond Habins Govr.
for Affairs of the Royal
Company of Denmark at
Trincombar &ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

No. 73 Wee Su[ppose wee ca]nnot by this time but have heard of the [. . . . th] at imported att Pondicherry on the 19/30 this Moth. they are Said to be the St. Mallow's Ships so long expected two of them look to be Ships of good Force we request your Honr. &c. will be pleas'd to lodge the accompanying Letter untill any of our expected either English or Country Ships shou'd happily Touch and call in att your Port for News and therefore hope you'll be pleas'd to send off our sd. Lettr. to any

such Ship belonging to the English to prevent their falling into the Enemies hands, and whatever Charges you be att on this Acco^{tt}. of giving them your Friendly Assistance if occasion shou'd require wee will Thankfully pay to y^{r}. ord^{r}. here besides so great an Obligation shall allwayes be acknowledged by

Honble. S^{rs}. &c^{a}.

Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. most affectionate
Friends & most hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.

FORT S^{r}. GEORGE
AUGST. 22^{D}. 1710.

W^{M}. FRASER.
W^{M}. MARTIN.
ROB^{r}. RAWORTH.
THO: FREDERICK.
RICH: HUNT.
EDW: BULKLEY.
W^{M}. JENNINGS.
W^{M}. WARR.

TO THE HON^{BLE}. JOHANNES VAN
SLEELANTO GOV^{R}. FOR AFFAIRS
OF THE R^{T}. HON^{BLE}. NETHERLANDS
E^{T}. INDIA CO[MPANY ON THE] COAST
OF CHO[RMANDEL &]GOVERN^{R}.
OF [NEGAPATAM &C^{A}.] COUNCILL.

Honble: S^{r}. &c^{a}.

our Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. cannot by [. . . .] heard by the four French ships [. . . .] Pondicherry on the 19/30 this month they are said to be the S^{t}. Mallows Ships [. . . .] ted two of them look to be Ships of good [. . . .] this Same ill News so soon as Rec^{d}. we advis'd our Friends the Chief and Councill of Pollicatt of as being assured it was the first advices they Cou'd have so Early, they Presage no good to the Trade of this and your place pray God that none of yours or our ships fall into their hands for which reason to prevent as much as we Can any such ill designe of theirs we request the Favour of Your Hon^{rs}. &c. Lodge with you the accompanying Lett^{r}. to be sent off on Board any of our expected English Ships or Country and that you'll Please to favour any such Ship or Ships with your Protection and Friendly Assistance if need should req^{re}. the Charges of all wch. we will Than[k]full pay to your ord^{r}., either here or att Pollicatt besides the great obligation You will putt upon N°. 74

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

Y^{r}. Affect: good Friends
& most hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.

W^{M}. FRASER.
W^{M}. MARTIN.
ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.
THO: FREDERICK.
RICH: HUNT.
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W^{M}. JENNINGS.
W^{M}. WARR.

TO RICH^{D}. FARMER ESQ^{R}.

DEPUTY GOVERN^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCILL
ATT FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

S^{r}.

N°. 75 We rec^{d}. the Depty [. . . . .] Four French Ships arriv'd att Pondicherry [. . . . .] his of the 19th. Curr^{t}. Overland arriv'd here yesterday [. . . .] in the Forenoon & another of that day by a [. . . . .] rec^{d}. this morning as Likewise one of that date of M^{r}. Berlue att Pondicherry [...] to the same effect we Commend your expeditious dilligence and thank you for the same which we would have you Continue as often as any new matter shall offer.

We send you the accompaning Lett^{rs}. under a Flying Seal for your perusal which done we wou'd have you forw^{d}. as directed with this Proviso that if Major Hen: Bernard has enter'd upon his Governm^{t}. and taken the Chair we wou'd the Letter dirrected to him forwarded for whose Christian [...] as not Knowing we have Left a Blank for you to fill up but if Myn H. M. Storland Continues Govern^{r}. send that directed for him.

With this we Send you Abstract of the Companies Generall Lett^{r}. rec^{d}. by the Shipping last arriv'd relateing to their Militarie Officers pay which they order to reduce to what mention'd in the Copies of the said Paragraphs which we wou'd have execute accordingly as we shall do here when we pay you this Monthes Charges Garrison having allready acquainting our Officers of the Same by loading that past of the Generall Lett^{r}. to them in Consultation which we would have you do their Copies to your Officers in Your Consultation, the Private Sentinalls pay att 13 mo^{ths}. to the year is exactly the same with [the 91] fanams ⅌ Moth. we pay them att 12 mo^{ths}. to the Year so that Matt^{r}. Stands as it did, by our next shall answer to which you wrote us, by M^{r}. Mountegue whose bill we have [acce]pted and will pay when due or Demanded as [we] shall any other Bill or Bills you shall draw upon us from time to time as your occasions shall require forth att [. . . . .] pain till we hear that you have made [. . . . .] with your Merch^{ts}. and we shou'd have bin [. . . . .] London sooner because the Noise of [. . . . .] be a pretence to raise the [. . . . .] and with you. We are

S^{rs}.

Y^{r}. Affe: good [Friends]
& most hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.

W^{M}. FRASER.
W^{M}. MARTIN.
ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.
THO: FREDERICK.
RICH: HUNT.
EDW: BULKLEY.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
W^{M}. WARR.

We wou'd have you fitt up the Madapollum Yautch with, of two days provissions a good able man. The Master and Ten hands more to Cruise too and again with a Copie of one of our Lett^{rs}. to the Supra Cargoes or Command^{rs}. of any ship with English Colours to DD to them and receive the Same again.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
AUGUST 22^{D}. 1710.

To the Honble. Anthony Wellden Esq[R].

Presid[T]. of Bengall & Govern[R]. of
Fort William for Affairs of the
R[T]. Hon[BLE]. the United English
E. India Comp[A]. &c. Councill.

Hon[ble]. S[rs]. &c[a].

Our last to this was of the 17th. Current by the Susanna who sail'd hence on the 20th. after Copie of which Come herewith since when we have nothing either good or Pleasant to advise but what is bad enough which is to Certify you that on the 19th. Currant four French Shipps arriv'd at Pondicherry who sail'd from Brest the 27th. January last They stay'd 27 dayes att the Cannaries where they took in great store of the wines that Place affords but [. . . . .] ht no Claret. No. 76

They belong to [. . . . . .] Company the Stock they have [. . . . prev]iously reported but most [. . . . .] letter & as it is said pay the [. . . .] for Permission [. . . . .] the Shipps Cargo 46 Gunns the [. . . .] and one of the [. . . . .] Prime good [......] Canvis they are endeavouring to Contract with there old merchants at Pondecherry and offer them 12 ℔ Cent on the last years Praics (*sic*) w[ch]. the Merchants refuse as being too little on the Pretence that Cotton is dear they give out that they intend for Mergee their to refit their Ships & victuall them.

On this Shipp the marmaid goes Passenger Monsieur Delaveir formerly Direct[r]. at Bengall for the old French Company & Since Govern[r]. of Pondecherry till succeeded by the Present Govern[r]. S[t]. Andinero Hubert he has approved himself a very good worthy Gentleman in all t[ra]nsactions and Sincerely well affected to the English.

This month now drawing near a close yet no news of the S[t]. George for which reason we are thinking to Keep the Europe here so late as Possible so as not to hazard gaining her Passage to Bengall if happily that time the S[t]. George should arrive to advise you same unless she is got there allready if not we do not know how or what to think so as to think well of her.

Hoever (*sic*) to prevent as much as humane Prudence can foresee we have wrote to the Govern[r]. of Negapatam & Trincombar & Lodged Letters at both Places Directed to the Commanders of any Shipps that shall appear with English Colours off either Place to give them Notice that there are French ships arrived att Pondicherry with the necessary [. . . . .] what to do according as they [. . . . .] later advices either from us [. . . . .] the Deputy Govern[r]. and Councill [. . . .] which orders may ser[ve . . . . .] for the severall Countrys [. . . . . a]rrived from Batavia or the [. . . . .] latter we are in Da[. . . .] Frederick. Wee send you by this Ship [. . . . .] Nishan to the President as [. . . . .] that of Zoode Cawn's Pervanna [. . . . .] the translate of the same finish'd.

Besides the abovemention'd 4 French Ships arrived at Pondicherry we advis'd by the Supra [Cargo] of a Small Ship Called the Virgin Come from Donmaskareen whence they dayly expect another Ship w[ch]. was refitting there at the time the Virgin Came thence having been shatter'd in a Storme so that here is an Acc[t]. of Six of them ready and ripe enough for any mischief w[ch]. is Subject matter enough for the Lord High Admirall Zoode Cawn to exert his Power & authority according to the Large extent his Commission gives him w[ch]. is to encourage trade & Commerce & to Destroy Pyrates [the] Common enemy the ffrench who are in effect are as bad as the former by their taking Shipps & Cargoes of the Innocent trading Merchant men w[ch]. may be easy for the Admirall to Prevent by sending his Prohibitory orders with there translates to the ffrench Commodant or Commodore as we call it not to meddle or make sease or take any Ship having English Pass & Colours under Pain of making any such Cargoes forfited att any seaport Town with the of his admiralty where such ffrench Shipps shall happen to Come after the action commited such like [. .

.] to be sent to all Govern^rs. Di[. . . . .] other Cheifs or heads representing [. . . . .] ion at or in any Place [. . . . .] Sing May & district of his Admiral [. . . . .] that the English now in a [. . . . .] & Pervannas from the Great [. . . . .] the Epithet of being Call'd [. . . . .] it might [. . . . .] miss if every returning Ship hither from Bengall would endeavour to obtain of the Lord High Admirall such a Prohibitory order in Case of the worst that might happen this matter if well managed would soon rise the same of the new admirall to the fame of all Honour & Renown.

By the Europe we will attempt to give answer to the Princis Nishan & to Zoode Cawns Pervanna so soon as the Latter is translated wch. must be done nisely.

AUGUST 31ST. Ab^t. 2 days agowe we rece^d. advices from Trincombar that the Princess Sophia was arriv'd there Viz^t. Messrs. walken & Dean are Come on her what more news she brings shall advise you next. We are Hon^d. S^rs.

Your Loving friends
and humble Serv^ts.

W^M. FRASER.
W^M. MARTIN.
ROB^T. RAWORTH.
THO: FREDERICK.
RICH^D. HUNT.
EDW^D. BULKLEY.
W^M. JENNINGS.
W^M. WARR.

TO THE HONOURED JOACHEIM COLYNS

CHEIF FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T. HON^BLE.
THE NETHERLANDS E^T. INDIA COMPANY
&C. COUNCIL OF POLLICATTA.

FORT S^T. GEORGE
SEPTEMB^R. 12TH. 1710.

OUR DEAR FRIENDS &CA.

S^rs.

No. 77 Yesterday we were honoured with yours of the 25 Currant N.S. relating to the two soldiers that deserted our Garrison of Fort St. David & Codolore we take it very kindly & thank you hartyly for your having stopt & stay'd our said soldiers & for your sakes & not any merrits of theirs who art without thought or any Consideration we are willing & do by these pre[sents] gratify y^r. request in their behalf on which you may depend & were the Practice of this Kept up exactly as we shall do on our Part & beleiving you'l do the same there would be few or no deserters of either side we kindly accept the offer of your Sending them on board the Ship now in your Road to be delivered to us at this Port the Charges you have been att on their acc^ts. shall be thankfully paid to your order besides the Obligation you will lay upon.

S^rs.

Your most affectionate
Friends allies & very
humble servants.

WILLIAM FRASER.
EDM^D. MONTAGUE.
WILLIAM MARTIN.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
RICH^D. HUNT.
EDW^D. BULKLEY.
WILL: JENNINGS.
WILL: WARRE.

To the Honble. Johannes Van Steelant

Govern^r^. for Affairs of the R^t^. Honble.
Netherlands E^t^. India Company on the
Coast of Choromandell & Govern^r^. of
Negapatam &c. Councill.

Fort S^t^. George
Augt. 31 1710.

Honble. S^r^. &c.

The 29 Currant S V. brought us yours of the 6th. Septemb^r^. S. N. with your accompaning packets directed to the Honble. William Six Esqr. Govern^r^. of Mallacca one of the Said Packetts we shall send by the Hannover who will depart hence in 12 dayes att most for your Port of Mallacca and the other shall follow by any of the first Conveyance that shall offer wch. is what you were pleased to Desire us to do & we very thankfully accept & embrace your Promise of Correspondence which we on our part shall Punctually observe & have accordinly (*sic*) Deserv'd the Deputy Govern^r^. & Council of ffort S^t^. David as being nearer than we to Pondechery to advise y^r^. Hon^r^. &c. from time to time what ever they Can learn Certain of the motions & designs of the Common Enemy at that Port so recommending your Hon^r^. &c. to the direction & protection of the Almighty we remain & are with all affection & respect No. 78

Honble. S^rs^. &c.

Your Hon^rs^. &c. true all[ies &] good
friends & most humble servants.

William Fraser.
William Martin.
Robert Raworth.
Thomas Frederick.
Richard Hunt.
Edward Bulkley.
William Jennings.
William Warre.

To Richard Farmer Esqr.

Deputy Govern^r^. of Fort S^t^. David &c. Council.

Fort S^t^. George,
Septemb^r^. y^e^. 13th. 1710.

S^rs^.

Wee are now with yours of the p^o^. Currant by which you advise that Sheva Naigue Redde is like to agree with Suroop Sing for the renting out to the former the Walldore & the Naumall Countries the same Sheva Naigue Redde (we take to be) if we are not mistaken the Person that deserted your bounds and so long absconded to avoid payment of what he was in arrearage to Soorop Sing which if so we are apt to believe he will Clear of his old Debt which occasion'd so much trouble as has been alledged for the said Renter having shelter'd himself & taken Protection in your bounds wch. gave Soorop Sing the spacious Pretence of seasing those that are now his Captives but now the cause being like to be removed the Effect should cease that is the Captives ought to be sett att Liberty wch. is the good result of your having imprison'd the Relations of the afforesaid Sheva Naigue Redde and you may take it as a maxim never to gratify those Casts of People with any Present to gain their false friend [ship w]hen they are the first aggressors in w^ch^. [they] would never fail to Invent some Prete[nce or other] to quarrell with you besides wh[at ... soroop] Sing may falsly Pretend to exp[ress ... other]wise we pay yearly to the Ca[wn Bahadur to the amo^t^. of] Pagodas 35 for and in Considera[tion of . . . .] No. 79

Villages here and those with[in . . . . .] off any [. . . .] and you are right in your assertion that such an innovation would be of ill consequence & att last become a Sallabad.

The letter we wrote to Myne Her Daniel [B]oernard we would have you return to us again it being now of no use Myn[Her] Steeland continuing Governour as yet.

Those of your 5 Deserters are brought into us from St. Thome after they had trampous'd (*sic*) on foot from Fort St. David to Waldore & thence to Chingee & thence to arcote and at last to St. Thoma but they have not brought any of their arms with them but one of them Midleton by Name brought his arms with him with 7 or 8 charges of Powder & shot he came in voluntary of himself they are all three of them Kept Prisoners within the Fort 2 more of them we expect this night or tomorrow from Pullicat who shall all of them be return'd to you as soon as any Conveyance by sea offers with our orders concerning them.

The Muddapolam Yaucht being n[ow] of no other use to you, now the ffrench Ships are gone we would have you send her to [us] Laden with bales so soon as the new Moo[n] is over & that you see the weather is sett [in] for that after so much Rain we expect some [days] of fair weather.

[We] well approve of what you have [. . . .] to ensign Carter who[se . . . . .] his Commission Void & [. . . . app]oint Serjeant Brook [we . . . . recomm]ended to be Ensign [. . . . . .] see by the Com[mission . . . . . .] for that Purpose [. . . . . . [Wee cannot at Present Consent [or agree] to your setting up a Silver Mint within our bounds for Coyning Rupees for such reasons as we not now time [to write] you because we must Change the scene [to] worse as that just now att this very instant we have the Verball ill news that an English ship is lost att Jaffnapatam wch. Comes to us by a Joppass a freeman of that place about 8 Dayes in his Passage from thence Arriv'd here this afternoon & tho' what he declares seems something Incoherent as to Circumstances as that the said ship has upon her a new Govern^r^. his Lady & family wch. if so it should be the Danes ship so long expected but then he averrs her to be an English ship whose name with that of the Captains he does not know wch. thô it may be certain that a ship is lost yet the doubt remains whether the same be the Dan[e ship] the St. George or the Fredrick from the West Coast on all ships which we are advised there are Women on board them Copie of the said Topass narrative as taken by Jacob De Banc we herewith send you and for a more perfect inquiry of this matter we would have you write to the Govern^r^. & Council of Negapatam for we shall doe hence to morrow & request their utmost assistance to save what can be got or Come att if it should be so fatal as to be one of our Companies Ships under this great Concern. We remain & are

S^rs^.

Yo^r^. affectionate Friends and
[most] humble Serv^ts^.

William Fraser.
Edm^D^. Montague.
William Martin.
Rob^T^. Raworth.
Tho: Fredrick.
Rich^D^. Hunt.
Edw^D^. Bulkley.
Will^M^. Jennings.
W^M^. Warre.

September y^E^. 14TH. 1710

In writing you this letter yesterday in the Afternoon we were interrupted by the Surprising news of one the supposed above said 3 Shipps being lost by wch. we omitted advising you that upon the Millitary officers Petition we thought it best att

Present not to inforce their Complyance with the Companies orders for reduceing their Pay to what Company appoint but continue the same as formerly and the President acquaints us that he hath timely in his Particular letter to the Deputy Govern^r^. advis'd & order'd the same to be done by you wch. we Ratify & Confirm.

To the Honble. Johannes Van Steeland
Director for Affairs of the R^t^. Honble. the Netherlands
East India Company on the Coast of Choromandell & Govern^r^.
of Negapatam &c^a^. Council

Our good friends & Allies.

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.

By a Country boat that arriv'd here yesterday in the afternoon being about some eight dayes in her Passage hither from Jaffnapatam a topass freeman of the Place [. . .] Came on said boat declares to [. . . .] 7 or 8 dayes before they came [. . . .] English Ship was lost & br[. . . .] aforesaid Port of Jaffnepat[am . . . .] saved & that the Gentle[men . . . .] assist them with th[. . . .] much as Possibly [th . . . .] treasure & Car[go . . . .] ship nor [. . . .] The said Topass declares that there was [an Englishman] his Lady & family on board the Said Ship [but] it should seeme to be the Danes [. . .] Commodant so long expected att Trincombar but he crosses this by affirming her to be an English ship from Europe [. . . .] of our & such a ship of our Honble. Companies is missing that Came out with the rest of there Fleet who are long since arriv'd that Ships name is the St. George & the Commanders name is Samuell Goodman who hath woman Passangers on board him. Wee are in dayly expectation of the Fredrick Capt. Phrip from the West Coast well known to your Hon^r^. &c^a^. because of your good & friendly assistance to him when arriv'd att your Port about this time twelve month wch. seems most likely to be the fatal Ship because as we are advised the late Govern^r^. of Bencoolen and his family was to Emberque (*sic*) upon said Ship in order to his return hither so that by this acc^t^. there are Gentlewoman Passangers upon all the three severall Expected ships before-mention'd but if so great a misfortune should happen to be the lot of any one of the two premention'd ships belonging to the Honble. Company we request your favour & friendly assistance to our People to save as much as Possible of what can be g[ot an]d come at of the unfortunate ships [. . . .] Cargoe &c^a^. stores which we have no [. . . . do]ubt but beleive you will heartily [. . . . t]he utmost considering the happy [. . . .]ance between both nations all w^ch^. [. . . .]ly kindness and good assistance [. . . .] matter we shall not fail wit[h . . . .]iams to make known to [. . . .] & what ever charges [. . . .] repaid to your order besides the speciall obligations you'l put upon us to be with all due respect & sincere affection N°. 80

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.
Your Hon^rs^. &c^a^. good Allies
Dear friends & most oblidged
humble servants

William Fraser.
William Martin.
Robert Raworth.
Thomas Frederick.
Richard Hunt.
Edward Bulkley.
William Jennings.
William Warre.

Fort S^t^. George
September y^e^. 15th 1710.

To the Honble. Johannes Van Steeland
Director for Affairs of the R^t^. Honble. the Netherlands
East India Company on the Coast of Choromandell &
Govern^r^. of Negapatam &c^a^. Councill
Our good allies & good friends.

[Ho^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.]

N°. 81 Yours of the 21 Curr^t^. S: [. . . .] wee rece^d^. on the 26th. after advising the Mis [fortune] of the Shereburns being lost in 9 foot water soon after deserted by the Ships Crew at [. . . R]eef Molcawall your Hon^rs^. &c^a^. Care in [informi]ng us the speedy advices of the same together with their friendly assistance the Gentleman the Councill of Jaffnapatam gave our People by their endeavouring if Possible to gett the ship a float (tho' in vain) is just matter for us to acknowledge our most hearty & sincere thanks for your so great kindness to the distressed and unfortunate and we likewise express the same sence of our Gratitude to the Gentlemen, the Councill of Jaffnepatam we now therefore request the Continuance of your kindly & friendly assistance to our People but more espescially to the Worshipfull Jeremiah Harrison one of the members of our Councill whome wee sent [. . .] in March last to Bencoolen in Quallity of our Deputy Govern^r^. Supervisor & Director in Cheif for all affairs of our R^t^. Honble. Company in those Parts who well diserves a better fate then what has happen'd to him of Late we request you'l please to assist him in anything his Present Circumstances may have Occasion for if he should apply himself to your Hon^r^. &c^a^. for the same the charges of wch. with the other your Disbursements shall be thankfully paid to [your] order.

[. . . un]fortunate ship
[. . . Sher]burn

Sherburn when Lost had nothing on board of her belonging to our Honble. Company save onely 30 Peices of old Iron Ordenance as appe[a]rs by her Bencoolen Invoice so that whatever goods Plate [or treas]ure there may have been saved we renounce a (*sic*) our Claim or Right to the same but leave it [who]lly to their right owners & Proprietors as they shall think best so recommending your &c^a^. to the Direction & Protection of the Almighty wee remain in the true Sence of all Gratitude

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.
Your Hon^rs^. &c^a^. good allies
Worthy friends & most obliged
faithfull humble Serv^ts^.

William Fraser.
William Martin.
Robert Raworth.
Thomas Frederick.
Rich^d^. Hunt.
Edwd. Bulkley.
Willm. Jennings.
William Warre.

Fort S^t^. George
Septemb^r^. y^e^. 16th. 1710.

To Messrs. Faucett & Noden.

S^rs^.

N°. 82 Yours of the 29th. last month came to our Hand the 10th. this month and you have well in dispatching the Susanna within the time limited because we believed then to have sent you the Europe to have receiv'd & taken on board the Kings Present but that we have detain'd her so long Partly because the Quantity of Treasure designed to be sent upon her to Bengall was not got sooner ready out of the mint and Partly our expecting the S^t^. George who is not yet arriv'd nor Can we think so as to think well what may become of her unless she be got to Bengall so that we

think it now too late for the Europe to touch & call in Matchelepatam or Vizagapatam wch. may hazard the gaining of her Passage to Bengall to wch. Port we shall order her to proceed directly without touching any where by the way so that we cannot send you any Ship or other Vessell to Carry away the present sooner then next February the blame of all which is to be laid to the door of all those of the Governm^{t}. there mean time we think it would be a Peice of acceptable service to the Company if you cou'd [prevail] with the old Merchants to a Con[dition...] of what we Proposed as to the [. . . .] which we think it no such hard [. . . . .] to do as they would make us b[elieve these] merchants here bringing Cloth frequent[ly from] thence and the Parts adjacent [to them].

As to what [. . . .] you may have [. . . .] of the Kings Present you are to take notice they are the late President Pitts own Particular & Private Present to the Lord Zoode Cawne according to the inclosed Copy or abstract of a letter of those times wch. we send you for your better guidance in that matter as not belonging to the Grand Invoice as has been said.

You cannot but have heard long before this of the four S^{t}. Mallows ffrench ships that arriv'd the Port of Pondicherry on the 19th. Augt. last and Sail'd thence on the 7th. Currant they pretend no good to Either Dutch or English as believ'd. They are gone to Mergy to clean & fitt themselves to go upon the business they have tis Said orders to have a Settlement at the afforesaid Port the Commodant is a Ship of fifty Guns & two hundred & Eighty men the next two Ships Carrys forty four Guns & two hundred & fifty men each the [. . .] small Ship is 36 Guns & one hundred & Eighty men & tis said there are two more of their Cons. [Cruisers] of & about the Streights of Sundy wch. when joyn'd are of force enough to oppose any thing they Can meet of in these seas.

The Shereburn Capt. Cornwill Commander Directly from England arrived th[e. . .] of July Last at Bencoolen & was dispatch'd [. . .] the 6th. Augt. after this Port on whom [. . . . .] late Supervisor M^{r}. Harrison & [. . .] Deputy Govern^{r}. Skingle & his [. . . .] good Passage till one the [. . . . .] the Sherburn was lost on [. . . . .] nine foot water to Southward [. . . . .] all the People saved & none [lost] [. . . . .] there owne their be [. . . . .] Company's on board her [. . . . .] brought [. . . . .] from Benjarr they are all by our last advices safe and [. . .] Jaffnepatam on Zelone whence they write us they are [. . .] used by the Dutch Gentlemen there. Wee are

S^{rs}.

Your loving Friends &
most humble Servants
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILL^{M}. MARTIN.
ROBERT RAWORTH.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
RICH^{D}. HUNT.
EDW^{D}. BULKLEY.
W^{M}. JENNINGS.
WILL^{M}. WARRE.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
SEPTEMB^{R}. Y^{E}. 18TH. 1710.

TO THE HON^{BLE}. WILLIAM SIX ESQ^{R}.

GOVERN^{R}. OF MALLACCA FOR AFFAIRS
OF THE R^{T}. HON^{BLE}. THE NETHERLANDS
EAST INDIA COMPANY &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OUR ALLIES & GOOD FRIENDS.

S^{RS}.

The 29th. last past [month] brought us Three Packetts from the [Honble.] Johannes Van Steeland Govern^{r}. [of Negapat] am Two of wch. are directed to [. . . Governour &c^{a}.] Council & by their Generall [. . . . .] accompanying the same No. 83

desire us to [. . . . .] em to you by two severall Con [. . . . .] Ship or Vessell going hence [. . . . ere] being but one ship [. . . . .]. One of Commander by whome we send it the aforesaid Packett with a Particular Packett to Mr. Bruyn Broker from Negapatam.

The freighters of the Shipps Hallifax and Golden Lyon being Inhabitants of this Place have Likewise sent there Packetts to Mr. Broker Containing orders and Instructions to there Super Cargoes of the afforesaid Ships returning from China hither to whome we request your Honr. &ca. Council friendly Care to prevent with Gods assistance the threatning danger of our Common Enemy the ffrench wch. looks with a very ill aspect as the following Shorte Sketch will represent to your great Judgement a view of [wch.] by the best advices wee can have or otherwise [. . .] is this.

On the 19th. of August last [the] four french Ships at Pondicherry [bring]ing to St. Mallows new Company they [. . . . .] from Brest on the 27th. January in Company with some three or four more of their Con[. . . .] one Ship some say two of them were bought for China the other two were gone to [. cru]ise of an about the Streights of Sunday [we] Cannot learn there Strength but the afforesaid shipps arriv'd at Pondicherry are said to be as follows Vizt. the Marappa a Sh[ip] with [. . . Gu]nns & 280 men Monseiur Raw[orth Command]ant and Commander Two other [ships with . . .] Guns and 250 men each.

The fourth & least Sh[ip with . . .] Hundred & Eighty men [. . . .] all they can to [. . . . .] a Pilot with a in [. . . . .] mallaca [. . . . .] other two Consort Shipps Cruising [. . . . .] Streights of Sundy as above said wch. [. . . . .] sail'd from Pondicherry the 4/15 of this month but whether first bound is variously reported some think to Mergy to fitt & Clean there ship[ps] & then to go upon the Cruise in persuit of any of the unfortunate of any nation they can take Pray God that none of ours nor your Shipps fall into their clutches we are most respectfully

Honble. &ca.

Your Honrs. &ca. good Allies
&ca. friends & most humble Servants

William Fraser.
William Martin.
Robert Raworth.
Thomas Frederick.
Richd. Hunt.
Edwd. Bulkley.
Willm. Jennings.
William Warre.

Fort St. George
Septembr. ye. 19th. 1710.

To Mr. Jeremiah Harrison.

Sr.

No. 84 It is now the 21st. [. . . . .] in the forenoon [. . . . .] Dutch peons from [. . . . .] of the eleventh [. . . . .] with the [. . . . .] being at [. . . . .] is not so much as first reported your endeavouring to reconcile the officers and shipps Crew to there Capt. advising the Capt. to Proceed to Bengall as Seeming more Safe then to adventure upon this Coast at this season of the Year your confining the Carpenter & Putting him in irons for an example to the rest that are obstinate all wch. evinces to us your good judgement by all the ways you have acted & hitherto Proceeded wch. very well deserves our approbation.

Pray hasten your return hither haveing wrote the Govern^r^. of Negapatam a Letter of thanks for all Kindness & Civilitys shewn you & the Continuing then assistance to you in any thing you may have occasion for the charge of wch. shall be thankfully paid to their order. Wee are with all Sincere affection

S^r^.

Your True Loving friends & most humble Servants

WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM MARTIN.
ROBERT RAWORTH.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
RICH^D^. HUNT.
EDW^D^. BULKLEY.
WILL^M^. JENNINGS.
WILL^M^. WARRE.

P.S.
Your General Letter of the 6 June last from Bencoolen by the President is not yet arriv'd us.

TO RICHARD FARMER ESQ^R^.
DEPUTY GOVERN^R^. OF
FORT ST. DAVID &C^A^. COUNCIL.

S^RS^

The 20th. Instant the President [wrote] a Particular letter to the Deputy Govern^r^. Dispatched at noon that day advising we would send you Pag^s^. 10000 by Peons over land that should sett out this day & that a Sufficient numb^r^. of your Peons should meet ours at Conomere & accordingly we now perform what then promised by sending you the aforesaid sume of Pag^s^. 10000 in the charge of 25 Peons under the Care of Ramah there Cheif but the makeing of new Pag^s^. baggs has detarded (by some hours) there going sooner & seeing we send you full baggs tis easy for you to return them to [us again] when empty wch. we desire you'l observe [for] future they being of Little use to you when empty. No. 85

At ten in the forenoon Yesterday Came to our hands by Dutch tappie peons a letter of the eleventh Currant from M^r^. Harrison then at Jaffnapatam advising us the amazing news of Captain Cornwall with the assistance of some Dutch sloops & some of their hands [in] to a wonder got the Sherburn a float and under sail brought her to an anchor att Point Ped[ru] about some thirty odd lea[gues] distant from the sand the Struck upon [. . .] and much damage as at first reported to [. . .]ept Designes [. . .] proceed thence directly [. . .] all their to & repair her which is [. . .] Comeing on this c[oast] [. . .] of the year but th[. . .] to oblidge them to return to there duty wch. hope may have a good effect.

Wee send you upon a Parr Call'd the Shiramagaladay Quinchy miraca Tandell the Packing Stuff you desired with some few Peices of silck Druggetts believing you may have occasion for them. Wee are

S^rs^.

Your very loving ffriends
and most humble Serv^ts^.

WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM MARTIN.
ROBERT RAWORTH.
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RICH^D^. HUNT.
EDW^D^. BULKLEY.
WILL^M^. JENNINGS.
W^LM^. WARRE.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
SEPTEMB^R^. Y^E^. 25TH.1710.

To the Honble. William Aislabe Generall
of the Coast of India for all Affairs
of the R^t^. Honble. the United English
East India Company &c^a^. Council at Bombay.

For S^t^. George
Augt. 29th. 1710.

[Hon'ble S^rs^.]

No. 86 Our last to your hon^r^. &c^a^ was of [. . .] December 1709 by your returning Peons [. . . . .] give an account of the Charges [. . . . .] that hath happen'd here since [. . . . .] Coppy of wch. comes here [in inclosed] [. . . .] On the Second Decemb^r^. Last arriv'd [here from] Bengall the Kent & Somers the former we Dispatch'd hence full Loaden for England y^e^. eleventh of January with a Cargoe amounting to Pag^s^. 98301 : 11 : 1 and the Somers from hence but Last from Fort St. David (there to fill up) with a Cargoe amounting to Pag^s^. 145689 twenty fanams threc Cash & was Dispatch^d^. thence for England on the 9th ffeb^ry^. last within the limited CharterParty time so hope they may Save there Passage to the Cape where they are to guide themselves by their Secrett orders for there further Proceeding on there Voage for England where God Grant them to arrive in safety.

The ffrench S^t^. Mallows Ships having return'd to Pondicherry on the 8th. of January we found the Coast Clear from Hallifax to proceed for Bengall & accordingly Dispatch'd her hence on the 17th. said month with a Cargoe amounting to Pag^s^. 169846 [. . .] to be return'd to us early again with Grain for the use of the Garrison & freight Goods rather then Come any Part empty.

The West Coast being once again put under & made subordinate to this Precedency we Sent thither on the 11th. of March the Ship Frederick Capt. Phrip Commander with a Cargoe amounting to Pag^s^. 19443 : 6 : 40 Cash [⅌] said Ship we sent Jeremiah Harrison Esqr. of our Council with [our per] mission for Establishing the Council at Bencoolen and appointing Deputy Govern^r^. [at York] Fort & Supervisor of all Affairs [both in the Civil and Military. . .] in all the Honble. Com[pany's manage]ments on the West Coast of Sum[atra . . . .] Qualified for so [. . . . .] from whose [. . . .] . Here has arriv'd here of our Honble. Companies shipping Viz The King Willm. Galley on the fourth July on whome Came the Honble. Anthony Welden Esqr. President of Bengall Stay'd here twenty four hours & then Proceeded to Bengall that Ship touch'd & call'd in att the Cape in May Last & brought us news of the Heathcotes haveing got well there on or about y^e^. 17th. or 18th. Jan. that the Late President Pitt had shifted his Ship & went on board a Danes Ship without staying to accompany the Dutch heavy Sailing fleet & y^t^. Capt. Harrison of the Kent arriv'd there some three or four Dayes before the Dutch Second fleet Sail'd thence & joyned them Company.

The Susanna Capt. Pinnell arriv'd on the Sixth of July Last but touched not att the Cape The Desboverie Capt. Raymond Commander arriv'd here on the 11th July who Sail'd hence on the 11th this month for Bengall with a Stock amounting to Pag^s^. 112050 : 5 : & after her the Susanah on the 20th. Pag^s^. 65187 : 16.

On the Second instant arriv'd here the Europe Captain Bryant Commander who Left the Cape on the twenty fourth May & the next day on the twenty fifth mett and spake with Captain Peackok of the Somers all well going into the Cape.

Captain Lytton [on the] Charleton arriv'd here the p^o^. May last [& wee] had occasion to detain her till the [. . . . .] after we took out a Chest of his treasure [. . . . .] same into Mallay fan^s^. and Shipt [. . . . .] laden on the Carelton redwood Sa [. . . . .] English & Country & Sixty [. . . .] twenty fourth June after under his [. . . . .] dispatches for England on the nineteenth this month arriv'd four ffrench Ships at Pondicherry They belong to the S^t^. Mallows new Company the first & Largest of them is Call'd the Marapa a Ship of fifty Guns & 280 men Monsieur Ruall Commodant the two next lesser Ships are of 44 Guns & 250 men each the 4th. & least of them is of 36 & 180 men. This last a Prime good Sailer.

September ye. 25th.

The foregoeing has lain by us Thus long open to await the arrivall of the St. George Captain Goodman Commander if happily we might advise the same to [your] Honr. &ca. Council he being the only [one . . .] Ship of all the Ships the Honble. Company have order'd for this Coast & Bay & for the same reason we detain'd the Europe till yesterday we dispatch'd her to Bengall with a Stock amounting to Pags. 170659: 7 whome God Grant to arrive safely at her afforesaid Port but to our Great wonder & amazement The St. George is not arriv'd to this day nor we Imagine wt. Can become of him without he be got to Bengall which is very Doubtfull on the fourth Instant [the] four ffrench [Ships] afforemention'd sail'd [from] Pondicherry but wether gone is variously [repo]rted Some Sa[y to] Mergy to fitt & clean [these] ships & then upon the Cruise with[. . . . p]ass the [Stre]ights of Mallacca to [. . . . .]two m[. .] of their Consorts than[. . . . .]out the [. . strei]ghts of Sundy if so [. . . . .]ships from China may [. . . . .]Pray God[. . .] the first at Point Pedro the other at Jaffnepatam from Mr. Harrison whome we substituted Deputy Governr. at York Fort & Supervisor of all the Honble. Company's Affairs on the West Coast of Sumatria as Premention'd advising the Sherburn a Ship of 250 tons Captain Cornwall Commander to have arriv'd att Bencoolen on the 7th. July last Directly from England that they had sent home the Nathaniell on the 13th. that month a full Loaden Ship & yt. of the 7th. of Augt. Last he had Embarqued on board the Sherburn in order to his return hither, whence they had a Good Passage to the po. Instant that the Sherburn upon a bank of Sand was Lost in 9 foot water at 6 at night a Noted Sand called Molley Valley to the northward of Trincomolay at midnight the Capt. & Mr. Harrison went in the Pinace & next night went to Point Pedro & so one after the ships crew diserted & Left the Ship & Last of all the Officers the Sherburn had nothing of the Companies Save 30 Pieces of old Iron ordenance good for nothing but Kintelledge but Letters of the 11th. after from Mr. Harrison then at Jaffnepatam advises the Captain with the assistance of some two or three Dutch Sloops and There hands had [never. . .] got the Ship a float but got her [to Sett] sail & brought her to an Anchor att Point Pedro some thirty leagues distant where [he had] struck & the Damage was not near[ly heavy] at first believed she may be repair'd[there] sufficiently to enable her to proceed [. . .] Mr. Harrison having oblidged [. . . . to] go on board & return [. . . .] respect.

Honble. &ca.

Your Honrs. very Loving friends
and most humble Servts.

William Fraser.
Edmond Mountague.
Willm. Martin.
Robr.Raworth.
Tho: Frederick.
Richd. Hunt.
Edwd. Bulkley.
William Jennings.
William Warre.

To the Worshipfull Simon Cow[se]Esqr

Chief for Affairs of the Rt. Honble. the
United English East India Company at
Anjengo &ca. Council.

Srs.

Yours of the 11th. last month came to our hands the 16th. this month with the No. 87
accompaniying Packett of ye. 9 & 11th. August from the Cheif and Council at [. . .] advising a ffrench of good force having [station'd] att Callcuta and the Lieutenant to b[ring] English man wch. is Doubtfull we being [. . .] believing may be Irish

abundan [. . . . .]ion hav[e] gone over to ffrance [. . . . .] Service to that King for his [. . . . .] from Brest they touch'd at the Mauruties whence that separated from the rest and Proceeded to Callcuta & return'd thence to joyne the other three her Consorts & mett with y^m^. off of Zelone and all four of them arriv'd att Pondicherry on the 19th. August & Soon after Contracted with the Merchants there for an Investm^t^. of Pag^s^. 70,000 they Sail'd thence on the fourth Instant gone as Supposed to Mergy then to clean & fitt there ships & then to go upon the Cruise so that if they Shape there Designe for Mallacca our China Ships in there return are in Great Danger or if they Designe to cruise on this Coast Even the Europe as well as the Country Shipping returning hither from Bengall next Decemb^r^. are in the Same Great Danger so that let us Look what way we Can there is nothing but Danger on all sides which in all humane Prudence nothing less then Gods speciall Providence can avert and is the only means to buoy up our Spirits so as to hope the Best and believe this Extremity may be Gods Opportunity to whose great & good name be all praise &c^a^.

The afforesaid four ffrench ships are Said to belong to the S^t^. Malloes new Company who have enrich'd themselves much more by prizes & Caption (*sic*) of Ships then by any merchandize or other Traffick [. . .] he Pay the old French Company the [. . . . .] ction of 15 P^r^. Cent on the Stock they [. . . . .] me for there licence to trade tis Likewise [. . . . .] are vested with a Power to make proposalls [. . . . .] at Mergy a Sea port belonging to y^e^. [. . . . .]iam well accomodated for Repairing [. . . . .]oted for the murder & massacre of [. . . . .] English about Some twenty five [. . . .] according to their respective and Progressive [. . .] as above Viz^t^. the King William Galley and another the Honble. Anthony Welden Esqr. President of Bengall Captain Nehemiah Winter Commander The Desboverie Captain Raymond Commander The Susannah Captain Pinnell Commander The Europe Capt. Humphry Bryon Commander.

But the S^t^. George Captain Goodman Commander one of this years Fleet outward bound and in Company with the rest the other Side Cape Bona Esperance is not yet arrived and If not att Bengall we fear his being safe very Doubtfull wee have no Europe news as you desire but what is Stale and you may have heard already the King of ffrance made great overturns & Great Condecentions as the Plat & Ground work of a firm lasting peace but not to the Satisfaction of the Con[fe]derates as so were rejected on which follow'd a very [fearful] bloody battle between both armies severall strong [forts] taken by the Confederates wee are with all affection and thanks for your advices which Pray Continue.

S^rs^.

Your Good ffriends & most Humble Servants

WILL^M^. FRASER.
EDMOND MONTAGUE.
WIL^M^. MARTIN.
ROB^T^. RAWORTH.
THO^S^. FREDERICK.
RICH^D^. HUNT.
EDW^D^. BULKLEY.
WILL^M^. JENNINGS.
WILLIAM WARRE.

[*P.S.*]

Pray forward the accompanying Packett for Bombay as Directed.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
SEPTEMB^R^. Y^E^. 26TH. 1710.

TO THE HON^BLE^. ANTHONY WELLDEN ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT OF BENGALL AND GOVERN^R^. OF
FORT WILLIAM FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T^.
HON^BLE^. THE UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA
COMPANY &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^RS^. &C^A^.

No. 88 Our former & latest to this was on the 29th. Augt. last Carried Down to the Ult^o^. that month a Copy of the Same we sent you by the John & Elizabeth when wee advised you all Occurances to that time since when on the fourth Currant the four

French Ships at Pondichery sail'd thence but whether gone is variously reported they being close & Secrett in all their affairs & therefore the more to be suspected thô most believe they are gone to Mergy to fitt & clean their Ships and then to go upon the Cruise & endeavour to pass the Streights of Mallacca to joyn two more Ships of their Consorts that are Cruising of and about the Streights of Sunday if so they will be off force enough to oppose any thing they can meet with in those Seat.

It is Likewise said they have orders to make proposalls for a Settlem^t. for this new Company at mergy.

The 15th. Currant brought us at [. . . .] Generall Letters viz one from The Dep^ty. [Governor of] Harrison and Councill att Bencoolen, dated the 5th. of [. . .] of advising there haveing wrote us a Generall letter of the 16th. June last by the President Captain Hop[kins] [Com]mander since when to this very Day [. . . .] none rose nor any acc^t. of Said Ship or [. . .] become of them whome we fear [. . .] twelve months in a long [. . .] safe arriv'd on the 6 of Augt. from Batavia [. . .] be expected here by the latter end of November next that on the fourth of July the Sherburn Captain Cornwall arriv'd at that Port & 13 The Said month they Dispatched the Nathaniel for England & that having Settled all matters of the Companies affairs in those Parts according to the order's & Instructions he carried hence the Deputy Govern^r. Harrison on the Seventeenth of Augt. last Embarqu'd on board the Sherburn in order to his return hither wch. in brief is the Purport of Said Letter.

The Deputy Gover^nr. next letter in Order of date is of the 3^d. Currant from Point Pedro advising those haveing had a good Passage Since the Seventeenth last month from Bencoolen till the p^o. Currant that at 6 at night the Sherburn Unfortunately Struck in nine foot water up a neck of sand call'd Mol[ey valley] to the Southward of Tincomola on le[ft side] all the People Came safe ashore Some in [the] Pinnace & Some in the Yaull and the rest of the Ships Crew in rafts She had nothing on board her of the Companies Save 30 Pieces of old iron Ordenance brought from Benjarr to Bencoolen good for nothing we will not rashly say that Ship was willfully lost but we may say Obstinately she was as ℔ the Copy of Said letter of the third Instant which Comes herewith and to wch. we referr.

Our next receiv'd letter from [D^y. Govr.] Harrison was of the [. . .] Instant from Jaffnepatam recounting [. . . .] he receiv'd from the Dutch Govern^r. of [. . . .] of wch. we likewise send you the [. . . .] us by the hands of one [. . . .] Sherburn a Packett [. . . .] of all the Officers of the [. . . .] & way of the fatall loss [. . . .] justifies our former a [. . . .] to our Unfortunate friends & to assist them in what they Can to their returning hither & the like thanks we owe & acknowledge to the Govern^r. of Jaffnepatam Promising our thankfull Paym^t. to their order for what necessary Charges and Disbursments they be at on account of the unfortunate especially M^r. Harrison the late Deputy Govern^r. of Bencoolen & Superintendant of all our Honourable Companies Settlements on the West Coast of Sumatra.

Just now at 10 in the forenoon when writing the foregoing is brought to us by Dutch Peons a Letter of the 11 Currant from Mr. Harrison at Jaffnepatam of the Surpriseing newse of the Sherburn being got a float and brought to an anchor at Point Pedro by means of the Captain & the assistance of the Dutch and that she is not so much endamaged as at first she was reported to be she is to proceed to Bengall as Judging it Safer so then to adventure on this Coast in the season of the Year.

The loss (as we may now Suppose) of the Ship President & the just Apprehensions of our fears of the danger our China returning Ships may be in by reason of French Ships of so great force is but a very mellancholly Theame & we wish we Could Change the Scene to a better Subject wch. we cannot do while the S^t. George is not yet arriv'd and if not with you by this time at Bengall we fear there is no room for any hopes of her being [. . . .] this day of wch. we Could wish ourselves.

The Deputy Governr. & Council [att] Fort St. David have Contracted with the [Mercha]nts there for an investment to the amt. [of Pags.] [10]0000 to be got in and finish'd by the [. . .] of Decembr. next, and we are endeavouring to do the Same with our merchants [here] to twice that amounts to the [. . . . .] the former contract made [. . . . .] years cloth is better & can have more for it [. . .] severall other merchants on the Place but in this Case our Companies Present Sett of Merchants will not Contract with us for any Investment if they miss of haveing the broad cloth and they haveing Provided so much Cloth of Severall Species before hand they well know no other merchants can contract with us for an investment this year to the afforesaid amount to be got ready by the limited time this is the hank they have upon us but we shall Conclude finally with them or others so soon as the Europe is gone.

We have laden on the Europe and Consign'd to you on the Companies account seventy Chests of Treasure of Maddrass rupees & likewise a box with the Companies mark No. 3 Containing as ℘ Invoice intended as a Small [Cover] to Zoode Cawne the new Lord Admirall [who has] approv'd himself our faithfull Stanch [friend] att the Kings Court & Promises to Continue Still as we hear is noble & Generous without being avaritious or Griping a rare quallity and vertue to be found amongst the Moors.

By the Maremaid we sent you a translate of the Princes Nishan to the President & his humble answer to the Same in English we send you by this Ship likewise the translate of The Lord Zoode Cawns Pervanna to the President and his answer to the Same wth. the desire you'l please to h[ave the]ir translate [in] the Persian Language [. . . . .] fied persons or two to the [. . . . .] accompanied with the [. . . . .] Present.

[. . . . .] proceeded Directly & make the Best of his way for Bengall without Touching any where & what we have laden on board the Europe for Visagapatam you'l se by the inclos'd invoice a part.

But in regard the Captain has Sign'd bills of Ladeing to deliver the Said Goods at the Port of Visagapatam to the Chief & Councill theire we wish he may be the Ship or one of the Ships you intend to send us to fill up here about the Latter end of next novembr. to touch there the better to accomplish and Perform his said bills of ladeing to avoid any mistake that may happen upon traversing said good on board any other Ship you should order in her way hither to call in and touch at Vizagapatam.

The Chief and Councill of Vizagapatam have Likewise wrote us to send them about one hundred Candy of Country Powder it bearing a good Price there which we designed to have sent them Could we have dispatched this Ship more early We therefore desire your Honr. &ca. will please to send them such a Quantity as you Can spare upon any of the Compa. ships you intend hither and first to call in there as has been said & Charged the amt. of the Same to acct. Currant Fort St. George.

We thought we had fully Sattisfied you by our Large Packett send by the Gull[conda] Containing all papers that Pass'd between [the la]te President Pitt & the Prime Ministers [. . . . .] relating to all matters requisite to be [. . . . .] and inserted in the promised new Phir [maund] and to ask and request too much was [. . . . .] might be the ready way to loose or [. . . . .] all without obtaining any one Privi[ledge from] his Royall Highness Prince in [. . . . .] the President seems Plainly [. . . . .] only mention'd in the Lord Zoode Cawns [Letter] to the President as you may observe [from the] translate of the same herewith sent your Honr. &ca.

We have Laden on the Europe 40 tons of redwood that you may not be in any want of Dunnadge for what Ship you may Dispatch home Directly from Bengall but the Company are not Desirous of any more to be sent them then their respective Charter Party Quanti[ti]es.

What Phirmaunds wee have had of former Mogulls Emperours and Gentue Kings were about twenty years ago sent by the then President Yale to Sr. John Child att Bombay whence they were never return'd us.

We wish you would please [send] us the Price Currant of Iron lead broad Cloth[... pla]in and unbosted (*sic*) with you.

Wee shall take Care that Captain Hudson upon his return from China make Satisfaction for damage Sustain'd by his Ship we are with all respect

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.
Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. very loving
friends & most Humble Serv^ts^.

WILL^M^. FRASER.
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ROBERT RAWORTH.
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RICHARD HUNT.
EDW^D^. BULKLEY.
WILL^M^. JENNINGS.
WILL^M^. WARRE.

[*P.S.*]

Septemb . y^e^. 22nd.

Our former doubts & fears as to the Ship President are now over as having arriv'd here att Six in the Evening but att last att Vizagapa^tm^.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
SEPTEMB^R^. Y^E^. 21ST 1710.

TO CAP^T^. HUMPHRY BRAYAN COMMAND^R^. OF SHIP EUROPE.

Upon receipt hereof you are order'd to repair on board your Ship and with the first opportunity of wind and weather to weigh Anchor Set Sail and make the best of your way for the speediest attaining the Port of Bengall where w^n^. arriv'd you are to deliver our Packett herewith deliver'd you as directed to the Honble. Anthony Welden Esqr. President of Bengall & Govern^r^. of Fort William for affairs of the R^t^. Honble. United English East India Company of Merchants of England Tradeing to the East Indies &c^a^. Councill whose orders you are to follow for your future Disposall dated in Fort S^t^. George this 24th. day of Septemb^r^. 1710. N°. 89

WILLIAM FRASER.
EDMOND MOUNTAGUE.
WILLIAM MARTIN.
ROBERT RAWORTH.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
RICH^D^. HUNT.
EDWARD BULKLEY.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
WILLIAM WARRE.

List of the Packett to Bengall [℣] Ship Europe.

[N°. 1] [One] Generall letter dated Septemb^r^. the 21st. 1710.
[2] [...E]uropes Inv^o^. amount to Pag^s^. 140659 : 7 : 2 [...].
[3] [...] Loading of D^o^.
[4] [...] goods &c^a^. for Vizagapatam on Sh[ip...].
[5] [. . .]
[6] [. . .]

7 Copy of D^os^. letter from Jafnapatam dated [...] Septr. 1710.
8 Copy of Dittos, letter from Ditto dated 11th. Septemb^r^. 1710.
[9] The Honble. Presidents letter in answer to the Princes Nishan.
10 Translate of Ditto.
11 The Translate of Zoode Cawns Pervannah to the President.
12 The Presidents letter to Zoode Cawns.
13 Translate of Ditto.
14 Copy Warehousekeepers acc^t^. freight on Ship Europe.
15 The Presidents perticular letter to Bengall incloseing bill of loading for a bale for his Excellency Zoodee Cawne.
16 List of the Packett.

To Francis Hastings Esqr.

Chief &c^a^. Councill of Vizagapatam.

S^rs^.

N°. 90 Wee are now with yours of the 27th. July receiv'd here y^e^. 17th. of August after since when we have yours of the Sixth instant by the President arrived here on the 22^d^. of the Same to both wch. we shall give the needfull answer.

As to the first part where you say you Continue & hold your oppinion [Still] that the Company ought to [settle] old debt due from M^r^. Holcombe to Fuckerla Cawn with a Proviso if the Company intend [...]ing of that factory we shall not now Contract [. . . .] but take notice to you how unsafe [. . . .] any to have such a Chief as act arbitra[ry . . . .] the Councill in all matters [. . . . .] Parenthesis in writing [. . . . .].

To you [. . . . .] ioning the Generall Letter [. . . . .] and Heathcote relating [. . . . .] better opinion of [. . . . .] advantage to them for even in war that victory is but little acc^t^. where the Conquest does not pay the Cost and Charge.

But where you say your Place is Commodious for recourse to in case the Companies Affairs should be Disturbd in other Parts by wch. you seem to insinuate the Garrisons and Governm^ts^. of the Forts of S^t^. George & St. Davids and Should it come to that which God forbid it should be at a bad pass indeed & the Companies Affairs brought to the last stake when both Garrisons should retreat to Vizagapatam as to an aysulum (*sic*).

But it is a good thought of you and you are perfectly in the right when you say the keeping of that factory keeps out the Dutch, french & Danes and as to what you say where your Place reduced to the same State & Condition as Matchelapatam & Madapollam is yet you would be Lyable to the usuall Presents but as both places above mention'd are withdrawn to the keeping of one English man and two peons at the former & one Braminy and two Peons at the Latter we seldom or never give any Presents at either place & what you give so frequently at Vizagapatam (tho' Something you cant avoid) does not relish well with the Company as you may see by Copy of a Paragraph of their Generall letter by [this year's] shipping wch. comes inclosed.

Wee take notice of what you say [in the] Generall Letter of the 3^d^. of June 1709 Sent you [...] and your answer thereto that Letter to [... ins]inuating a good Disposition and inclination in Amuturase to adjust all acc^ts^. with [. . . . .] & pay what should appear due [. . . . .] Estate which you answer in the reverse [. . . . .] Nabob for the time being can never [. . . . .] Rajas to a Complyance of Paying [. . . . .] yet they are Such as you have [. . . . .] and as to Jugapah having been sent for to come hither but afterwards Contradicted by after letters we find to be true as apply'd to that, time since when we have often wrote for his Comeing hither wch. you as often by Specious excuses evaded.

As to your not having delivered the former Presidents letters to whom directed and your excuses for the Same we have wrote you formerly to w[ch]. we referr because that baffled your excuses as the event Proved.

Wee are well pleased and fully Satisfied with the Chiefs having cleared himself of that vile aspertion cast upon him by the Nabobs Gusbadar but we may say that the understanding being misinform'd it necessarily follows an erroneous judgement must Proceed [and] sett the whole in as true light as matter [stands] we State it Thus.

When your Mullah went to the Nabob Fuckerla Cawne and had audience of him the Nabob asked him what he had brought from Chinapatam for him he answer'd he had brought the Nabob a Packett and Small Present but the Nabob would urge him to Confess he had brought money to pay of M[r]. [Holcom]bs old debt w[ch]. the Mullah denied to [. . . .] Nabob being much in [censed . . . .] Gusbadar to Confront [. . . .] he heard he had brought [. . . .] Vizagapatam to Pay of [. . . .] fallse alligations [. . . .] will the Exemplary Punishm[t]. you mention justly fix upon and as to the Gusbadar we leave it to you to prove the negative if you can.

We have some time ago received what you mention the letters sent you from the Country Governments since when wee have what letters the Chief sent them but all of them in the native Country language thô we expected those the Chiefs should have been sent us at least their Copies in the originall English as well as the translates of the letters received as was injoyn'd you in the aforesaid Generall letter hence of the 3[d]. of June 1709.

Wee have advis'd you by the Susanah our last & finall resolution as to M[r]. Holcomb's old debt to Fuckerla Cawne but the President has received a letter from M[r]. Faucett at Metchlepatam w[ch]. comes herewith w[ch]. sayes that in a Conference he had with a Portugueise Padre who had livd long att or near Vizagapatam the said Padre did affirm to him that it was M[r]. Holcombs seal and not the Companies w[ch]. was affixt to the obligation he gave Fuckerla Cawne.

Wee laded on the Europe most of what you wrote for as you may see by the inclosed bill of Loading and invoice because at [. . . .] Designed she should touch both att Vizagapatam and your place but we being [. . . .] to keep her so Late in the Season [. . . .] hazard gaining her Passage to [. . . .] dispatched her hence on the 23[d] [. . . .] to proceed directly [. . . .] anywhere but [. . . .] four French Ships that arriv'd at Pondicherry [. . . .] 19th. August last and saild thence on the [. . . .] ant Supposed to be gone to Mergy bel [. . . .] St. Mallows new Comp[a]. they are [. . . .] and believe may after their [. . . .] upon the Cruise either [. . . .] acca or rather on [. . . .] returning Ships from [. . . .] therefore would have [. . . .] smack according [. . . .] Last year hence I [. . . .] your mull [. . . .] of maho [. . . .] Consum [. . . .] time en [. . . .] Sayes he [. . . .] Beetelas [. . . .] to be [. . . .] to take [. . . .] must [. . . .] mas [. . . .] of what [. . . .] or bel [. . . .] for [. . . .] Ra [. . . .].

[. . . .] besides we advis'd you formerly you ought to be very cautious of selling your Powder even thô at a good Price while you and Fuckerla Cawne are in no good terms.

Wee have Complaints brought [. . . .] be exorbitant rates of anchorage the ships [. . . .] other Vessels frequenting your Port [. . . .] say to regulate wch. we send you in [. . . .] Anchorage Paid here as Established [. . . .] Company and is the rule by w[ch]. you [. . . .] have likewise a Petition delivered [. . . .] us an Armenian Inhabitant [. . . .] ning of your haveing to [. . . .] the Self Same goods at [. . . .] rt the Companys Esta [. . . .] Cent Copy of said petition [. . . .] for you to give [. . . .] that have once pass'd [. . . .] ere being sent to Fort [. . . .] to the Paying the [. . . .] the Self Same goods [. . . .] do appoint M[r]. Faucet [. . . .] be a Collector of all [. . . .] Revenues under the several [. . . .]

distinguish'd by [. . . . .] be read in your [. . . . .] erve are rarely [. . . . .] The President [. . . . .] Letter to Habib [. . . . .] — ay be your [. . . . .] Difference [. . . . .] — ne wch. if you [. . . . .] accompany [. . . . .] matters [. . . . .] have not yet time to inspect.

The [. . . . .] of a Capable he Spared to the [. . . . .] but does not tell us what [. . . . .] there or if we must [. . . . .] ambiguous way of writing [. . . . .].

T [. . . . .] for the Charges or [. . . . .] hath been att [. . . . .] of your trouble [. . . . .] us the Sta [. . . . .] no wrong [. . . . .] wee are.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
SEPTEMB^R^. THE 29.

P.S.

M^r^. Raworth sends [. . . . .] letter & bill of Exchange [. . . . .] Pagodas two thousand [. . . . .] receiv'd into the [. . . . .] of M^r^. Hastings [. . . . .] Alexander Ben [. . . . .] pagodas Seven [. . . . .] the Chiefs h [. . . . .] ceibed into the [. . . . .] drawing bills [. . . . .] or order.

To MESS^RS^. FAUCETT & NODEN.

S^RS^.

[No. 91] Wee have received your Severall [. . . . .] understand the frivilous excuses [. . . . .] [m]akes for not delivering to you the [. . . . .] that none of the Lord Zoode [. . . . .] yet arriv'd at Matchlepatam [. . . . .] — itated that business and at [. . . . .] dispatching the Europe on [. . . . .] — directly for Bengall with [. . . . .] by reason of the late [. . . . .] the Companies tents as [. . . . .] — eing no part of those [. . . . .] — ate those persons in [. . . . .] to accompanie those [. . . . .] signed to have been [. . . . .] tents we would have [. . . . .] at or any other Vessel [. . . . .] Your People thinks [. . . . .] be over and that [. . . . .] adventure their boats [. . . . .].

[. . .] unnah Cawne [. . . . .] Ganjee leaves [. . . . .] because he was [. . .] wney to look [. . . . .] the said Ganjee [. . . . .] Jafaratee [. . . . .] we would have [. . . . .] eptable [. . . . .] you [. . . . .] [. . . .] the Colours must not be Paid but a bright [. . . . .] red but if this Cannot be done M^r^. [. . . . .] may Proceed on his Journey to [. . . . .] By these peons comes our Packet [. . . . .] & Councill of that Place [. . . . .] by Consum linga at [. . . . .] patam if not Pra [. . . . .] peons from your [. . . . .].

FORT S^T^. GEORGE [. . . .]
OCTOBER Y^E^. 3^D^. [1710].

[. . . . .].

10. Originall letter from Fuckerla Cawne to M^r^. Holcombe.
11. Translate of Ditto.
12. List of the Packett.

HON^BLE^. ANTHONY WELDON ESQ^R^. [PRESIDENT OF] BENGALL FOR AFFAIRS OF [THE R^T^. HON^BLE^] UNITED ENGLISH EAST [INDIA COMPANY] AND GOVERN^R^. OF [FORT WILLIAM &CA.] COUNCIL.

[FORT] S^T^. GEORGE
OCTOBER Y^E^. 3^D^. 1710.

[No. 92] [. . . . .] we wrote you by the Eu [. . . . .] little or nothing that [. . . . .] with invoice and Second [. . . . .] on Same Ship on [. . . . .] comes herewith [. . . . .] sent you by that [. . . . .] President by whom [. . . . .] hence to the [. . . . .] twelve months arri [. . . . .] some eighteen [. . . . .] in so long time [. . . . .]

tho' the [. . . . .] said ship tells [. . . . .] some sheating [. . . . .] send her to [. . . . .] order to w^ch^. [. . . . .] survey to be [. . . . .] defective [. . . .] please [. . . . .] of rice [. . . . .] [. . . . .]. Company and wages advanced comes incl[osed].

There has lately arri[ved . . . .] Bengall the Eugein morning [. . . .] and the Charleton has over [. . . . .] about 30 miles to the [. . . . .] we have no letters [. . . . .] combar to the [. . . . .] the Danes Ship [. . . . .] that Port [. . . . .] age from [. . . .] of the [. . . . .] to Beng [al . . . . .] another [. . . . . . Hudson [. . . . .] was [. . . . .] pect [. . . . .] ery [. . . . .] of [. . . . .] with [. . . . .] & ap [. . . . .] Be [. . . . .] th [. . . . .] c [. . . . .] [. . . . .].

To Captain John Freeman

[Comman]der of ship Pres^dt^.

[On] receipt hereof your order'd to repair on board [the Pres^dt^.] and with the first opportunity either [. . . .] ather to weigh anchor & sett sail [and make the b]est of your way for the Speediest [attaining the port] of Bengall where when arriv'd [you are to deliver our] Packett herewith deliver'd you [as directed to the] Honble. Anthony Welden Esqr. Pres [ident of Bengall & Govern^r^. of Fort William for] affairs of the R^t^. Honble. United [English India C^o^. of Merchants] of England tradeing to [the East Indies and Governor of] of ffort William &c^a^. Council [whose orders you] are to follow for your future Disposall dated in] Fort S^t^. George this 7th. [. . . . .] [N°. 93].

[William] Fraser.
[Edmond M]ountague.
[William Ma]rtin.
[Robt. R]aworth.
[Tho :] Frederick.
[Rich^d^ : Hu]nt.
[Edwd. Bulk]ley.
[Willm. Jen]nings.
[Willm. Warr]e.

[. . . . .] President [. . . . .] 3^d^. 1710 [. . . . .] emb^r^. y^e^. [. . . . .]

To Richard Farmer Esqr.

Deputy Govern^r^. of Fort S^t^. David &c^a^. Council.

S^rs^.

[. . . . .] of the twenty [. . . . .] much in it [. . . . .] [N°. 94] Dutch Pa [. . . . .] of Comp [. . . . .] tention [. . . . .] offers [. . . . .] friends [. . . . .] Bernard [. . . . .] of the [. . . . .] ing is [. . . . .] 1000 [. . . . .] dran [. . . .] a tim [. . . . .] ye [. . . . .] [. . . . .] private Centinells for their pardon we have Promisd them they shall and the other three but young Striplings and as so they act without [thin]king or well Considering wee for this once [. . . . .] the Same favour to them and believe the [sufferings] they have undergone and their impris[onments] ever since they came may Compen]sate [. . . . .] lly but wee think it but just [. . . . .] de the Serjeant of hit a [halbert . . . . .] Saader of the rest.

[. . . .] advise of the Companies you [. . . . .] in her masts so as she can [. . . . .] have you gett her in [. . . . .] moon wch. may be as [. . . . .] we shall send you [. . . . .] the stores you wrote for [. . . .] you sent us so soon as [. . . . .] musters of the Sail [. . . .] as to the lengths of [. . . . .] to have them of [. . . . .] such better made & [. . . . .] and you are so seem [. . . . .] are of the

Same or [. . . . .] ore in the right [. . . .] from the Com [. . . .] to be of twenty [. . . . .] rding to one [. . . . .] ence to wch. [. . . . .].

[. . . . .] Beteelas sent [. . . . .] Your Merch [ants . . . . .] our parts at [. . . . .] & Corge [. . . . .] ery of us [. . . . .] The musters of the Sail Cloth wee [. . . . .] lit in the middle and Send a [. . . . .] back in wch. we have infolded [. . . . .] Originall Betteelas to be [. . . . .] ants again bundled & [. . . . .].

Y[. . . . .] it tore very eas [. . . . .] Sail cloth [. . . . .] the Cotton y [. . . . .] or rotten [. . . . .] to guide [. . . . .] valued [. . . . .] forty [. . . . .] [. . . . .] Sail'd [. . . . .] Stock [. . . . .] God [. . . . .].

FORT ST. GEORGE [...]
OCTOBR. THE [......]

TO RICHARD FARMER ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNR. OF FORT
ST. DAVID &CA. COUNCILL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
OCTOBER THE 21ST. 1710.

[No. 95] wee are now with yours of the [. . . . .] needfull to wch. our answer is as follows. [you] have done well in advising [us of] Steclands being gone to Ba [. . . .] Bernard succeeds to whom [. . . . .] lements Congratulateing [. . . . .] great [. . . . .] poste of Honr. and so large [. . . . .] Government wch. we desire you [. . . . .] by some of your trusty [. . . . .] you Suggest to use of the [. . . . .] on his return from [. . . .] rear your bounds which [. . . . .] what you advise of his [. . . .] Pondicherry and as so [. . . . .] pect a Present from [. . . . .] ders & directions [. . . . .] you right [. . . . .] had for somy [. . . .] enerous present [. . . . .] are of so soon [. . . . .] established in [. . . . .] cant upon [. . . . .] way to court [. . . . .] Dillee In [. . . . .] continue as [. . . . .] with the [. . . . .] year which swelld the rivers so much as ordered it to send it in such rainey season, and in the inter [vel of] 16 or 17 days fair weather the Duan sett out [......] the I ward to Cherlanopoly to accomodate [. . . . .] and the Meisure people who are [. . . .] that are in tribute to the Ma[. . . . .] advise to Chelambrum we [. . . . .] things for the Duan [. . . . .] acceptable, which [. . . .] ships arrivd, wh[. . . . .]so long detard [. . . . .] From the [. . . . .] for a letter [. . . . .] his return [. . . . .] President [. . . . .] [sta]ting that [. . . . .] a time as [. . . . .] prove [. . . . .] so soon [. . . . .] does [. . . . .] & 3 or [. . . .] cannot [. . . . .] yor. [. . . . .] lik [. . . . .] Our orders hence to you was to apprehend and imprison all the relations of Sheva Naigue Reddee untill our Captives were released and you yourselves know that tis the law and custom of the Country [Govern]ment to do the same to all the relations of the person [......] till the whole debt is satisfy'd, because the payment of [the debt of] any one person is intaild on all the relations [. . . . .] hath gott one Gurdaus here a Kinsman of Serope [. . . . .] Servant to him at Chingee, to write him a [. . . . .] and in his own name to know of Serope [. . . . .] tends of detaining the Captives so long [. . . . .] hath been sent away to Chingee some [. . . .] more may bring an answer.

[......] debt being paid, he should still [......] the Renters debt being the pretence [. . . . .] being taken away the effect [. . .] to send a present to him, all [. . . . .] shall have an answer [. . .] shall be

sent you so soon as the [. . . . .] opportunity offers, the bales of broad [cloth] which may make our Merch^ts. [............] come out this year at 55 [. . . .] however some of each sort [. . . . .].

S^rs.

[aff^te]. good freinds and most
[humble] Servants

WILLIAM FRASER.
EDMOND MOUNTAGUE.
WILLIAM MARTIN.
ROBERT RAWORTH.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
RICHARD HUNT.
EDW^D. BULKLEY.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
WILLIAM WARRE.

TO THE HON^BLE. DANIEL BERNARD ESQ^R.
DIRECTOR FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T. HON^BLE.
THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMP^A. ON
THE COAST OF CHOROMANDELL & GOVERN^R.
OF NEGAPATAM &C^A. COUNCILL.

Honble. S^rs.

It is [. . . . .] with yo^rs. of the 5th. [. . . . .] to have been go [. . . . .] and was read [. . . . . .]. the Captain [. . . . .] better than [. . . . .] son of the [. . . . .] Harrison [. . . . .] but last [. . . . .] the kind [. . . . .] Council [. . . . .] our p [. . . . .] thanks [. . . . .] intent [. . . . .] had [. . . . .] he [. . . . .] formidable in these parts of the world which threatens ruine to all our honest fair trading ships, so commending yor. Hon^r. &c^a. to the direction and protection of the Almighty we take [leave] to remain N°. 96

Honble. &c^a.

Yo^r. Hon^rs. &c^a. good Allyes, dear
freinds & most humble Servants

WILLIAM FRASER.
EDMUND MOUNTAGUE.
WILLIAM MARTIN.
ROBERT RAWORTH.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
RICHARD HUNT.
EDWARD BULKLEY.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
WILLIAM WARRE.

[FORT S^T.] GEORGE
NOVEMB^R. 10TH. 1710.

[. . .] our hands but what [. . . . .] opportunity of a [. . . .] perform our former [contract . . . .] earnestly wrote for [. . . . .] [...] ading of the same [. . . . .] half the quantity [. . . . .] conveniently [. . . . .]ly advisd you [. . . . .]arriving having [. . . . .] stinted & crampt [. . . . .] of yo^rs. & this place [. . . . .] on [. . . . .] fail to supply you from time to time as yor. occasions [require] thô we should streighten ourselves here & be [fore the Honble. Company complain much of the cloth of [......]that they expect a good performance of [.........] their now Dep^ty. Govern^r and that he [. . . . .] all the sortments in their sev [. . . . .] that M^r. Berlu & Mr Harrison [. . . . .] the hands of the Dep^ty. Govern^r. [. . . . .] as lye upon him, in the [. . . . .] the sortment upon [. . . . .] may render you. [. . . . .].

We are in [. . . .] hard suffering [. . . .] sakes we h[. . . .] Serope Sing [. . . .] cure their [. . . .].

Th [. . . .] ving yet [. . . .] Gurdau [. . . .] may re [. . . .] and the [. . . .] our letter [. . . .] which [. . . .] take [. . . .] the [. . . .] monthly pay and allowance be no less but equall to his Junior Courtney & Vivars [. . . . . .].

We are in pain till we have Serope Sings answer to Generall letter & then we shall write you again till when we are [. . . .]

S^rs^.

Yo^r^. good freinds & most hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.

William Fraser.
Edmund Mountague.
William Martin.

[. . . .] the burthen of
[. . . .]ent ought to—
[. . . .] Dep^ty^. Govern^r^. } Robt. Raworth.
[. . . .] Generall &
[. . . . . .] Committee

[. . . .] same opinion — Thos. Frederick. Rich^d^. Hunt. Edward Bulkley.

[. . . .] opinion — William Jennings.

[. . . .] opinion — William Warre.

November. 11th. 1710.

[. . . .] the 25th. Septemb^r^. at [. . . .] safe arrival after so [. . . .] will not presume to give [. . . .] have from the [. . . .] dangers as wee [. . . .] great French ships [. . . .] [. . . . .] oblige you in the [. . . .] a sum as one [. . . .] occasion [. . . .] with the Comm[. . . . .] can [. . . .] have occasion [...] is all at present but that we wish you well, and in[...]arrive safely at your desired Port. We are

S^r^

Yo^r^. good freinds . . . .

[William Fraser].
[Edmund Mountague].
[William Martin].
[Robt. Raworth].
[Thos. Frederick].
[Rich^d^. Hunt].
[Edward Bulkley].
[William Jennings].
[William Warre].

P.S.

We have now wrote to y^e^. Comodore & Council of Gally to assist you according to the premises. The French ships arrivd at Pondicherry the 19th. Aug^st^. and saild thence the 3^d^. of Septemb^r^. suppos^d^. to be gone to Mergy to refitt or the Streights of Malacca; but we have good reasons to beleive they will be some time in the month of December in Ballasore road to wa[...] our [. . .] expected shipping.

To the Hon^d. the Comm[ander]
for affairs of the [R^t. Honble.]
[the] Netherlands East [India Comp^a.]
at Galle.

[*The body of the letter is lost.*] N°. 99

[To The] Honble. Anthony Welden Esqr.

[President of] Bengall for Affairs
[of the R^t. Hon'ble United English East India Comp^a.] & Govern^r. of
[Fort William &c^a.] Council.

Honble. S^r. &c^a.

Fort S^t. George
Novemb^r. 11th. 1710.

[. . . . .] to this sent you was of the 3^d. Octob^r. last [. . . . .] No. 100
whom we hope may be safe arrivd you [. . . . .] you that after so long and tedious [. . . . .] oughts the S^t. George Capt. Samuell [. . . . .]st arriv'd safe at Gally on Zeloah [. . . . .] you may see by copy of that [. . . .] and you inclosd, and we shall [. . . . .] enough with you before the [. . . . .] England which will be very [. . . . .] any.

[. . . . .] Sherborne may have arrivd [. . . . .]survey being made of her [. . . . .] please to dispach that ship [. . . . .] because if it should be the [. . . . .] try, we doe not know how to [. . . . .] [. . . . .] stuff but more especially [. . . . .] both here and at Fort [. . . . .] be at a stand if not [. . . . .].

Y^r. good friends and
most humb^le. Serv^ts.

[Willi]am Fraser.
[Edmo]nd Mountague.
[Willia]m Martin.
[Rober]t Raworth.
[Thom]as Frederick.
[Rich]ard Hunt.
[Edward] Bulkley.
[William] Jen[nings].
[William Warre].

To Messrs. Faucet & Noden
at Metchlepatam.

S^rs.

Fort S^t. George
Novemb^r. [1710]

We have rec^d. yor. severall [. . . . pa]pers by which we observe the No. 101
[. . . .] by the Gusbardar upon his [. . . . .] with all the power and [. . . . .] to Obstruct and hind[er . . . . .] way but to Golcon[dah [. . . . .] orders and now [. . . .] hear by other [. . . . .] further than [. . . . .].

B[. . . . .] of that s[. . . . .] attested Copy [. . . . .] translates in [. . . . .]Persian [. . . . .] lick D[. . . . .] lows [. . . . .] Zoudee[. . . . .] his Es[. . . . .] last [. . . . .]

.] to [. . . . .] Z[. . . . .] form of a Protest to be read publickly in the Durbar, one of which when read you are to deliver to the Cheif in Government [and] keep to your selves a true copy attested by the Codjee of the [place] this we say in case by their forcibly entering your [. . . . .] wresting the Kings present out of your hands, the [. . . . .]otes we would have run in the name of the Prince [. . . . .] Cawne who have the Kings orders concerning [. . . . .] which they have transgressd, and that the [. . . . .] their adherents are lyable to satisfye [. . . . .]er of loss, stealing or pilfering that [. . , . . .]ent manner of having forced the [. . . . .] and then you may declare yor. selves [. . . . .] but that you will represent the [. . . . .] purely enough to be advisd to Court [. . . . .] now acquaint the Council of [. . . . .] to you both which upon con[. . . . .] impossible to be private [. . . . .]verse and annull of which [. . . . .] accordingly.

Faucet being arrivd at such [. . . . .]ent should be so also that [. . . . .]ity so much as at the [. . . . .] with musick of drums [. . . . .] of, there being not so [. . . . .] sold or one penny worth [. . . . .] no more than 20 peons [. . . . .] our Council no more [. . . . .] forthwith, and as soon [. . . . .] in the Durbar [. . . . .] for Vizagapat^m. [. . . . .]ard by fresh [. . . . .] packet to [. . . . .]ly arriv'd at Point [. . . . .] last. We are

S^{rs}.

Y^r. good friends and most humble Serv^{ts}.

William Fraser.
Edmond Mountague.
William Martin.
Robert Raworth.
Thomas Frederick.
Richard Hunt.
Edw^D. Bulkley.
William Jennings.
William Warre.

List of the Packet to Metchlepatam.

N°. 1. Generall letter, dated 11th. Novemb^r. 1710.
2. Copy of the Princes Nishân.
3. Translate of Ditto.
4. Copy of Zoudee Cawnes Perwanna [. . . . .].
5. Translate of Ditto.
6. Copy of another Perwanna [. . . . .].
7. Translate of D°.
8. Zoudee Cawnes Perwanna [. . . . .].
9. Ditto's perwanna to [. . . . .].
10. Translate of Di[tto].
11. Ditto's perwanna [. . . . .].
12. The Presidents [. . . . .].
13. Translate of Dittoo.
14. The President [. . . . .].
15. Translate of [. . . . .].
16. Packet directed [. . . . .].
17. List of the [. . . . .].

To Messrs. Faucet & [Noden]
at Metchlepatam.

O[ur . . . .] that sa [. . . . .] in th [. . . . .] pr [. . . . .] you did both of you at first maintain your point and keep yor. ground [. . . .] Mr. Faucet has at last strangely prevaricated and deviated [from] the orders given him by us, and not only seperated himself [from] Noden but hath joynd and taken part with the Gusbardar [and] by so large a confabulation, held with him and sent [a] [fictit]ious name of remarks taken from the Gusbardar [. . .] doth not only insinuate a seeming consent but [. . . .] at the present should be sent over land to the [. . . . .] vast a distance, as may more plainly appear [. . . .] to some Gentlemen of this place [. . .] whom [. . . . .] his behalf to procure our leave & orders [. . . .] resent overland, this is so wild and [. . . . .] as that nothing less than the great [. . . . .] absence of better thought and judge [. . . . .] in paying the Gusbardar ye. 700 rups [. . . . .] ited and agreed to for awaiting [. . . . .] Mr. Nodens exception was just [. . . . .] sent up to the Suba of Golcondah [. . . .] and foot with a new [. . . . .] to goe by sea, & to endeavour to [. . . .] sent up to Golcondah &ca. [. . . . .] and onely cause of a [. . . .] —uba's Gusbardar 13½ [. . . . .] Codjee is gone away [. . . .] ing the Codjees stay [. . . . .] Gusbardar we would [. . . . .] for, or employd [. . . . .] ever since the [. . . . .] have not sent [. . . .] and judge [. . . . .] [...]nt. No. 102

[...] payable to Mr. [. . . . .] Faucet which [. . . . .].

[Yr. Good friends]
[and most humble Servts.]

[William Fraser].
[Edmond Mountague].
[William Martin].
[Robert Raworth].
[Thomas Frederick].
[Richard Hunt].
[Edwd. Bulkley].
[William Jennings].
[William Warre].

To the Hond. John Martens Esqr.

Cheif for affairs of the Rt. Honble.
the Netherlands East India Compa.
& Councill of Pullicat.

Our Allyes & good freinds

We very thankfully [. . . . .] letter relating to the Tr[. . . . .] answer untill we could [. . . . . .] is breifly that on th [. . . . .] in 11 days from B [. . . . .] thence a large [. . . . .] Europeans wh [. . . . .] enterd his sh [. . . . . .] goods, 4 chests [. . . . .] since when [. . . . .] that a Coun [. . . . .] on the 18th. [. . . . .] evening [. . . . .] on lost [. . . . . . .] [. . .] begining [. . .]. No. 103

. . . . Fort St. George
. . . . . Novembr. 30th 1710.

Ours of the 18th. Currt. joyntly to Mr. Faucet and yourself [. . .] and singly by your self your severalls of the 30th. October [. . . .] 13th. of this month as likewise one large letter (such . . . .) from Mr. Faucet by all which you accuse one [. . . . .] he acts all and every thing by himself [No. 104]

pri[. . . . .] knowledge neither asking, advising, or [. . .] consulting [. . .] on the other part he accuses you of [. . .] etfull so that we find you are as much [. . . .] of the Cardinall points in the [. . . . .] place for male.Government and the [. . . . .] gate birds, Mr. Faucet on the con [. . . . .] by such encomiums as if the [. . . . .] again, so that in so manifest [. . . . .] which is still the same to be [. , . . .] all your troubles may be over [. . . .] you on the 13th. Currt. wth. our [. . . .] be read in the Durbar were [. . . .] amat at the time these yor. new [. . . . .].

[. . . .] Zoudee Cawne wrote to the [. . . .] then sent with it's [. . . . .] ins matter sufficient [. . . . .] ardar of any more [. . . .] stay untill the [. . . . .] in which case if [. . . . .] lling to indulge him [. . . . .] be the sense and [. . . . .] aforesaid [. . . .] Braminys accot. [. . . . .] ballance of Pags. [. . . . .] pay his wages [. . . . .] in this place.

[Your Good friends]

[William] Fraser.
[Edmond Mou]ntague.
[William Ma]rtin.
[Robert Raworth].
[Thomas Fredrick].
[Richard Hunt].
[Edwd. Bulkley].
[William Jennings].
[William Warre].

To Richard Farmer Esqr.
Deptt. Governr. of Fort St. David
&c. Council.

Fort St. George
Decembr. 4th. 1710.

Srs.

No. 105 We have yours of the 11th. & 22d. of the last past to [which] we shall now give answer and first to that part of your 11th. last month relating to the Duan, and the fears and [. . . .] you have that the smallness of the present we ordered [. . . . .] may for that reason rather incence than oblige [. . . .] little good nature in him as the Duan is said to [. . . . .] agreed and order you to enlarge that present to [. . . . .] or 150 to be sent by some fitting person to meet [. . . . .] to prevent if possible his approaching too [near] [. . . . .] his returning back to Arcot with the Depty. [. . . . .] pliment excusing yourselves for the sm [all] [. . . . .] for the reasons we formerly advisd you [. . . . .] which we think may be best perform[d] [. . . .].

There is now still as well as [. . . . .] [correspon]dence between the Duan & the President [. . . . .] friendship reciprocally on both sides [. . . .] be trusted any more then commen [. . . . .].

You are misinformd [. . . .] the Duan in his Sc. erly pray [. . . .] we call Sheik Abdee Salam [. . . . . .] and acts as Depty. for the [. . . .].

The Duan has abo [. . . . .] man one of his favourite [. . . . .] the President in his fav [. . . . .] be taken by the best and [. . . . .] can be the recovery of [. . . . .] [. . . . .].

We have cause to beleive you acted with a sincere & an unfeigned zeal for the liberty of the unfortunate Captives at Chingee but your too much credulity of what the renters relations told you relating to the Captives was your error which you

transmitted to us, and seeing you meant well we accuse you no more than what sometimes the wisest of men may be incident to, but we pass this matter over now, till we shall meet with it again in your second letter of the 22d. past, where we shall speak of it to the purpose.

Care is taken to send you by the first Conveyance a Main Mast for the Compas. Yatch according to the dimensions sent us.

The after part of your letter mentions the severe storm you had which begun on the 22d. October and continued to the 24th. that month and the great damage it had done, thô, the time you mention prov'd fair weather here with us, unless the Transcriber of that letter made [a] mistake instead of the 29th. 30th. & 31st. of that that month which all 3 [days] was very bad and boisterous weather, tho' no damage ensued [. . .] upon with us here, but was much worse and more violent in the [. . .] Countrys.

What you write us of the New & Old Factorys being so much [. . .] and out of repair, shall be considerd of in a full Council [the r]esult shall be advisd you in some subsequent letter, [. . . We] are sorry for Mr. Scarlets death, and shall take care to send [. . .] assistance hence so soon as conveniently we can, having [. . . .] have capacitys but they are such as the Compa. [. . .] much in answer to yor. first letter as aforesaid [. . .] of the 22d. past hath not much in it for us to answer [. . . .] accepted and paid all your bills drawn upon us to [. . . .] respective persons to whom orderd, and as to our [. . . .] any money of late we had no Conveyance by sea [. . . .] ship who had no European hands aboard him [. . . .] and yourselves seem to insinuate it as dangerously [. . . .] by land because Serope Sings people keep a [. . . .] to draw upon us (but . . . .) shall require.

[. . . .] and you have no [. . .] such intervalls [. . .] had rather [. . . .] right be [. . . .] so very [. . . .].

[. . . .] Kent & Somers, however you must encrease yor. bales to help to fill up the empty Tonnage we expect from Bengall, and we beleive the Des Bouverie may be the first, the Frederick being already arriv'd here the ℘mo. instt. from the West Coast empty, but the Carleton safe arriv'd there in August, they would send home full laden in October, the Mead not then arrivd but daily expected they intend to dispatch home full laden next Janry. so that the face of affairs on the West Coast is much changd for the better.

Inclosed comes copy of a paragraph of the Honble. Compas. Generall letter by this years shipping relating to the Depty. Governr. and what we wrote you the 10th. past was not meant strictly to restrain any of the Council from sorting so much as to strengthen the Depty. Governr. hands to enable him to the performance of what the Honble. Compa. expects of him, and we are of the same mind still as to wh[at we] wrote you especially if it be true what we hear that so[. . .] the lowest forum employ the black Merchants to [. . . .] cloth for them, pay in your next Generall letter, advise [. . . .] of this, and if reall matter of fact or not, for according [to the consti]tution we cannot in justice proceed upon again [...] [. . . .] by particular or private letters, but let the [. . . .] impartially stated and advisd us in your [. . . .] that the party accus'd may see and read [. . . .] his best defence, the like we say of any [. . . .] peevish, fretfull temper, by which they [. . . .] there may be difference in opinion som[. . . .] and best of men, yet that [. . . .] affection or respect, advise us that [. . . .] where we here shall be the best ju[dges . . .] from faction and contention or their [. . . .] interest.

The President excuses h[. . . .] to the Governr. of Chingee, as not per [. . . beginn]ings of those troubles occasion'd [. . . .] your bounds, but such a letter [. . . .] self write to Serope Sing by our [. . . .] are better able to draw up such [. . .]ting the case as it was [. . .] the same [. . . .] send us a perfect Narrative of that whole matter of

the Renters tracing the same up to their originall and first springs whence all these troubles are come upon our people, that are still detaind Captives at Chingee, and how those Renters came to leave our bounds some few days before their bonds for the sum awarded by the Arbitrators became due, and whether the said Renters left your bounds, by permission or other ways, and by what means, & who they were that was let into that grand Secret of their escape all which we expect from you. We are

Srs.

Yor. Loving freinds & most humble.
Servants

WILLIAM FRASER.

EDMUND MOUNTAGUE.

WILLIAM MARTIN.

ROBERT RAWORTH.

THOMAS FREDERICK.

RICHARD HUNT.

EDWARD BULKLEY.

WILLIAM JENNINGS.

WILLIAM WARRE.

P.S.

Pray forward the accompanying packet for Negapatm. by fresh nimble peons it inclosing orders to the Supra Cargoes [. . . .] of ships belonging to this Port [. . . .] shall be sent you as you desire.

[. . .] AUSLABIE ESQR.
[. . .] OF INDIA &CA.

HONBLE. &CA.

FORT ST. GEORGE
DECEMBR. 6TH. 1710.

No. 106 This is cheifly to advise and certifye yor. Honr. &ca. [of] a long and tedious Voyage at last Capt. Goodman [Commandr.] of the St. George arrivd well in the outer harbour of [Gallee] the 20th. Septembr. and on the 25th. that month got in safe [inside] her harbour of that Port, but it may be March before [it is] safe for him to adventure to come upon this Coast [. . .] of the Sr. Malo.'s French Ships.

The 11th. last month we recd. a letter dated the 4th. Septembr. [from surat] that signd by Mr. Proby & two more [merchants] residing [in the] Companys Factory there, copy of [which] letter comes [enclos'd for] our perusall by which [we] observe [. . . .] yor. Honble. &ca. Council are not so much as once mentiond.

They assume to themselves their having dispatchd home the Tavistock & the Abingdon with the amot. of their severall and respective Cargoes, they say that at last they procurd St. John Gayers liberty, they draw bills of Exchange on us and what not, from this they fly to higher Topicks, and arrogate to themselves a power of managing matters and affairs of state to make up a present [to] be sent King Shaalem, to procure of the Emperor a Phirmaund confirming our Honble. Companys former old priveledges, & [endeavour] to obtain new additionalls; whereas this great

affair [was . . .] and carryd on by the late President Pitt by means [of a ...] good freind at Court Zoudee Cawne then Lord high [. . .] Kings house hold, and since advanced to the honour a[nd . . .] Lord High Admirall of this Coast from Negapata[m . . .] where he is Subah and has his residence at Hug[. . .] there in May last from court, but continues still [. . . .] freind, and assures us by all his kind letters he [. . . .] and main design for which the present is [. . . .] same comes to his hands where he now is [. . . .] forward thence to Court where our Phir[maund . . . . .] the Royall Signature affix'd to it so [. . . .] arrive, all which has been well app[. . . .] but that the Gentlemen at Surat [. . . .] again there, that we are doing her [. . . .] our assertion, as if they and we [. . .] we offer to yor. Honr. &ca. judici[ous . . .].

We request your Honr. &ca. [. . . .] of Gombroon for the time being [. . . .] of their best syrash wine [. . . .] Presidency to be sent [. . . .] hither. We are Hble. [. . . .].

P.S.

We request yor. Honr. &ca. Compas. [. . .] Cheif at Gombroon [. . .] Persia horses of the [. . .] shape procu[r . . .] ship the Do[. . .] them large [. . .] of the sorts of [. . .] the Cheif of [. . . .]

To William Proby Esqr.
&ca. Gentlemen residing in
the English Factory at Surat.

Fort St. George
Decembr. 6th. 1710.

Srs.

The 11th. of the last month brought us yors. of the 4th. Septembr. last, which for the manner of it and the matter it contains seems to us to be a very odd letter, at this time of day, where you condole the death of the late President, and congratulate the present which makes our thanks to be as old as your news, which you cou'd not but have known sooner, even at the time our Country shipping were at your Port to return hither, for we think it no news to say at noon the sun is up. No. 107

We have for this once accepted and paid your bill of Exchange for Rups. 1180 as desir'd, but it would have been prudent of you, and indeed what we expected you should have advisd us, how you are constituted, and what power you have to draw upon us, seeing yor. Factory was so long agoe orderd to be withdrawn to Bombay, & [. . .] so we are not well warranted to accept or pay any more of [your] bills for the future.

Your dispatching home the Tavistock & Abingdon with the [. . . .] their Cargoes, your procuring Sr. John Gayers liberty [. . . ear] he obtaind it himself at a dear rate are such [. . . . .] that you attribute the whole praise to your own [Governme]nt, as if no such person as the Generall of the [. . . .] did exist which we hope he still doth, yet as [. . . .] enough which indeed is too much, you take a [. . . .] assuming to yourselves a power, and taking [. . . man] age matters of state of the greatest importance [. . . . .] ng to make up a costly and magnificent [. . . . .] King Shaalem, to obtain a Phirmaund [. . .] old priviledges and [. . .] high matters which [. . .] yor. present Consti[tution . . . .] to act as you [. . . .] in this [. . . .] you [. . . .] Pitt took [. . . .] lye [. . .] was the [. . . .] present he prepared for the Emperor shall arrive at Court.

We observe throughout your whole letter you have not soe much as once mentioned your Generalls name, as if he were not in being which we think is no ways becoming you. We are

S^rs^.

Yo^r^. Loving freinds & most hum^ble^.

Serv^ts^.

WILLIAM FRASER.
EDMUND MOUNTAGUE.
WILLIAM MARTIN.
ROBERT RAWORTH.
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EDWARD BULKLEY.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
WILLIAM WARRE.

TO RICHARD FARMER ESQ^R^.
DEP^TY^. GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. DAVID
&C^A^. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE [DECR. 1710].

S^rs^.

N°. 108 This is cheifly to advise you [. . . . .] 12 peons of our own the sum of Pag^s^. 600 [. . . . .] [In]geram their Cheif with ten more of you [. : . .] all 23 of them in Company with the [. . . . .] we would have you to send us a [. . . . .] Library, that we may know w^ch^. [. . . . .] necessary that we have hereto [. . . . .] pray remember that we daily [. . . . .] empty ship from Bengall which [. . . . .] season for England, we have [. . . . .] answer having wrote you fully [. . . . .].

S^rs^.

[Yo^r^. Loving freinds & most humble]
Serv^ts^.

[. . . .]

TO M^R^. PHILIP NODEN
AT METCHLEPATAM.

FORT ST. GEORGE
DECEMB^R^. 16TH. 1710.

N°. 109 The 10th. Curr^t^. brought us M^r^. Faucetts letter of the 27th. last past and on the 13th. this month we rec^d^. yo^rs^. of the 2^d^. of the same, by both which we observe you act as you write, that is separately & each by himself, as is manifest by yor. acco^t^. Charges & Expences and the bills drawn upon us signd singly by yourself, wch. we are not now much concernd for, as having some time agoe orderd M^r^. Faucet to his place and Station at Vizagapatam which we have since and doe now still ratifye and confirm.

Just now at writing this we have rec^d^. by peons from Metchlepatam dispatchd thence the 4th. Curr^t^. with a letter of the ꝓ^mo^. of the same from M^r^. Faucet only, with his acc^t^. charges & expences from the 24th. August to the ult^o^. Novemb^r^. last, amo^ts^.

in that time to Pag^s. 426. 14. — and yor acco^t. charges apart signd by yor. self for the months of August, September, & October last, amounts to Pag^s. 32. 1. 3, this is like lighting the candle at both ends, and is such a heavy charge in so short a time as we are always pleasd with, because we did not send down M^r. Faucet [to manage] affairs there seperate and singly by himself, but [joi]ntly and in concert with you, in his October expences we find [a b]atta of 3½ Rup^s ℔ diem paid the Subah of Golcondahs [Gusba]rdar, and the other Officers in proportion (whom we never [. . .)] to be a deep article, and ought to have been deducted [.... l]ast paid the Kings Gusbardar, who took so much pains [. . . . G]olcondah to solicite that Suba, & at last procurd [. . . .] those Officers whose batta became a heavy charge [....] cets acco^ts. now rec^d. by which his lavishness he seems [to have for]gotton his former allowance of 14 Pag^s. ℔ month [. . . .] inted and limited to, during the time of his residence [at] Metchlepatam and that allowance including Dyet and [. . . .] &c^a. excepting only the necessary & incident [. . . . .] ing peons with letters towards & backwards [. . . . .] and that place.

[. . . .] in his said letter [. . . .] ces, which you [. . . . joyntly] are [. . . .] this we would have you let M^r. Faucet know, if he is still with you at Metchlepatam, he further says his said acco^t. concludes on the 4th. of Novemb^r. since when yor. seperate acco^t. commences, thô yo^rs. last sent us takes in the three months premisd, but yet M^r. Faucet charges the expences of Pag^s. 54. 11. 5 to the month of Novemb^r. which we think strange in so little a time as the first four days of said month, copy of his said acco^t. we would send you but that we have no spare hands to transcribe them, but they shall be sent you soon after this for your remarks on them to be returnd us when done.

Thô the Lord Zoudee Cawne's letters and orders have no force or efficacy upon the Government of Metchlepatam yet the Princes Nishan to the President ought fully to convince them, which orders the President to conform himself entirely to the orders & directions of the Lord Zoudee Cawne in all affairs relating to the Kings present, and whereas you advise us that they say nothing less than the Kings hosbull-hookum can send away the present by way of Bengall to Court, but did Moosaupheer Beeg the Kings Gusbardar bring any other warrant with him than a Dubash [. . . .] under the chop or Seal of Cawne Bahawdir, or [. . . .] Mahomud Yarbeeg the Phousdar or the [. . . .] Beeg joyn themselves together to oppose the [. . . .] Princes of the blood, and second son to King [. . . .] as this and the like nature at any time [. . . .] when there are so great troubles as [. . . .] Golcondah, as renders it very hazard [. . . .] dize to travell those roads, which [. . . .] the Government will never be so [. . . .] upon the Factory to force the present [. . . .] must be accountable at their peril [. . . .] to send his letter to the Phous[dar . . . .] Metchlepatam, and its English [. . . .].

We have accepted yor. bill of Exch^a. [. . . .]. Wee are

S^rs.

Yo^r. [. . . .].

To Richard Farmer Esqr.
Dep^ty. Govern^r. of Fort S^t. David
&c^a. Council.

S^rs.

Fort S^t. George
Decemb^r. 19th. 1710.

Yours of the 8th. Curr^t. we rec^d. on the 11th. after which hath not much in it for us to answer, only we think you have drawn largely upon us at once, this being now the dead time of the year, when our revenues slacken and come in but slowly however we cannot be angry when urgent necessity forces, and we have therefore accepted your bills, and are this day paid as directed. N°. 110

We can by no means gratify your Merchants by indulging them to bring in their cloth short in measure of which the Compa. complain so much, and therefore would have you keep up your Merchants to the establishd Standard of the full lengths and breadths of all Contract cloth of their severall species excepting only upon the dispatch of any ship to fill up any small vacancy of Tonnage, rather than goe home not full laden, in which case necessity must excuse you.

We hear so well of the diligence and sobriety of Mr. Turner that we order and appoint him to be your Secry. in the place of Mr. Scarlet deceasd, and thô it be something too [much] for his standing, and so young in age, yet his merit [. . .] the former, and if he lives the latter, will gradually [. . .]encrease to more maturity.

We are advisd the Susanna & the Sherborne in [. . .] the Des Bouverie will be sent us up hither [from] Bengall, the two former with Saltpetre and stores [. . .] with 250 Tons of goods proper for England.

Srs.
Yor. affectionate freinds and
most humble Servants

William Fraser.
Edmund Mountague.
William Martin.
Robert [R]aworth.
Tho[mas Freder]ick.
R[ichard Hun]t.
[Edward Bulk]ley.
[William Jenn]ings.
[William Warr]e.

To Francis Hastings Esqr.
Cheif &ca. Council of Vizagapatm.

Fort St. George
Decembr. 19th. 1710.

Srs.

No. 111 Yours of the 30th. last month by Mr. Henning on the parr we recd. the 10th. Currt. being Sunday, we take notice that our next former letter to this of the 29th. Septembr. last overland, was not come to your hands, we are therefore apt to beleive they may have fallen into the clutches of Fuckerla Cawnes people, or some otherways miscarryd, for that we dispatchd that packet to our people at Metchlepatam by their returning peons in hopes they might have found Cunsum Lingana who promisd to stay there some dayes upon his own buisness, but in failure of him we orderd Messrs. Faucet and Noden to forward them to you by fresh peons, that packet containd an originall letter of Fuckerla Cawnes to Mr. Holcombe with severall other papers as likewise bill of Exchange of Mr. Raworths drawn on Mr. Hastings on the Compas. accot. payable to the Chief & Council there copy of said letter with the severall inclosd papers comes [herewith] and wish them a better fate than the former.

You seem now to beleive because you [. . . .] Mr. Holcombes own Seal and not the C[ompany...] obligation, tho' by your former letters you a[. . .] trary, which is agreeable to the message sent [. . . .] if true and sincere which leaves room for d[oubt . . . .] others that he only ask'd 2000 Pags. in [. . . .] he would show the bond with the Com[pany . . .] you a month or six weeks for [be . . . .] that money, and what argument [. . . .] used (to whom you are obligd) for pers [. . . .] Rajahs proposalls, yet 'twas no more th[an . . . .] were so urgent with us to doe, by your [. . . .] letters, and that at all hazards [. . . .] consideration, tho' all the matter [. . . .] between your selves and Fuckerla [Cawn . . .] accept [...] without any intent [. . . .] of friendly argument with that Depty. Nabob, and gaind you time untill you could be assurd of the real truth of that whole matter and tho' you doe not advise us yet we have it from other hands yt. his demands are about Pags. 6500.

It's matter of wonder and amazement to us, that you having long agoe foreseen the troubles that are since come upon your place by Fuckerla Cawnes having laid close seige on the 8th past and the next day after begun acts of hostility, by firing his great guns upon your Factory, that you should not have provided yor. selves with stores of provisions, eatables being as essentially necessary to a Garrison as ammunition &ca. warlike stores can be or that you have not wrote to the President & Council of Bengall to supply you with what you wanted, they being better able to doe it here than we hence against the monsoon.

Now you have time to make your sad reflections upon yor. own unwary actions is sparing your then covertly now yor. open enemys, so much powder and lead as your Diary entrys mention which we have read with great astonishment, but in all your Consultations which are but few, not above one or two in a month no mention is made of yor. accot. Customs &ca. Revenues, which is [...] tho' have had complaints brought us of great exactions [of] the people that frequent your Port, and now lately by the people of the parr that arrivd here the 10th. Currt. who say that [ha]ving 3 chests & one bale of paintings on board being Metchlepatam goods belonging to Aga Peera & Aga Mookeem two venerable Merchants of this place, and the parr bound [...] by wind and Currant drove to Vizagapatam at [......] thô they made no sale of goods there because qsd[...] aforesaid respective Proprietors here, yet Juggapa sent the [pe]ople on board said to be by your order, and with them two [you] who broke open said chests to view and value the goods [...] them pay the [Custom of Pags.] 32. 15. 60 on the whole [...] Pags. 21. 2. 20 is [the Custom upon] the paintings, and we have no Certificate to show for the same, as we [. . . .] doe here between this place and Fort St. David [...] wrote you in our former of the [. . . . .] matter be plainly and imp[artially . . . . .] true state of the ca[se . . . . .] which make up the Cheif & Council you have two Paymasters, the Cheif paying the head Servants himself once in six months, and Mr. Horden the rest of the peons and menial Servants, we wonder the Cheif should goe out of the beaten plain path practisd here into little bye ways of his own invention.

We have wrote by the Europe to supply you with the quantity of powder and lead you want to be sent you from Bengall.

The President by this conveyance writes to Fuckerla Cawne to desire him to send us up here some true and trusty freind or servt. of his own, in the nature of a Vackeel to be fully instructed in the business in contest between you and him, and that he be fully qualifyd with power sufficient to agree & reconcile all differences to a just satisfaction as the case in right and equity shall require.

With this we send you two paragraphs of our Consultations of the 11th. & 15th. Currt. which by the power and Authority of the Constitution of this Board we positively order and command to be immediately obey'd even whether matters are, or are not accomodated with Fuckerla Cawne without any excuse or delay of putting said orders in full execution, notwithstanding his Cas[te].

We doe permitt and give leave to Capt[...] come hither if his occasions require the same.

[We are]
Srs.
Yor. Affectionate Friends

William Fraser.
Edmund Mountague.
William Martin.
Robert Raworth.
Thomas Frederick.
Richard Hunt.
Edward Bulkley.
William Jennings.
[William] Warre.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO [VIZAGAPATAM].

[Fort] S^t^. George Generall letter to Vizagap^m^. dat^d^. Decemb^r^. 19th. 1710.
[. . . . .pac] ket directed to the Cheif & Council.
[. . . . .] and till after the [forw]ading the Generall letter.
[. . . . .] Fort St. George Generall letter to Vizagapatam.
[. . . . .] Dat^d^. Septr. 29th. 1710.
[. . . . .] Europe Invoice for Vizagapatam.
[. . . . .] D^o's^. bill of lading for Ditto.
[para]graph [of the] Compa^s^. letter [...] to Vizagapatam.
7. Translate of the Presidents letter to Habid Cawne.
8. The rates of Anchorage at Fort St. George.
9. Copy of Coja Jahannis's petition.
10. Copy of Fuckerla Cawnes letter to M^r^. Holcombe.
11. Translate of D^o^.
12. M^r^. Baworth's 2^d^. bill of Exch^a^. on M^r^. Hastings for 2000 Pag^s^.
13. Complaint of the Chuliars belonging to a parr from Vizagap^m^.
14. List of the Packet.

TO THE HON^BLE^. ANTHONY WELTDEN ESQ^R^.

PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^. OF FORT WILLIAM
AND THE REST OF THE COUNCIL FOR AFFAIRS OF
THE R^T^. HON^BLE^. UNITED ENGLISH COMPANY
TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
DECEMB^R^. 23^D^. 1710.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

N°. 112 Since ours of the 11th. last month sent you overland advising the S^t^. George to have been safe arrivd at Gallee, copy of which comes herewith since when we have rec^d^. yo^rs^. of the 10th. & 25th. last month the former by the Gulston, the latter by the Sloop Adventure to the needfull of both shall now give answer.

Pray return to us all the lead you have that you cannot dispose of, with a reserve to yourselves of so much only as you shall have occasion for the use of the Garrison, the like we say of your Europe iron, which may be best done by some of the Comp^as^. ships, that may happen to be at your Port, the better to avoid paying freight which we hope to dispose of here at time to some profit.

The ship Hallifax's short Tonnage and damage of her goods here from Bengall shall be adjusted with that Captain so soon as he shall arrive from China but pray send us no more salted provisions of either beef or pork from your place untill we [write] for them, those last sent us upon the Hallifax proving [......] good for little or nothing as having been ill cured [. . . . .] which our Coopers here with all their art cannot re [. . . . .].

[The] present for the king, is still kept [...] detained in our [...] at Metchlepatam, by the Government notwithstanding [...] Zoudee Cawnes orders to the Officers and [...p]lace, but none so [...] greater stickler and more obstin[ate...] the present's going to Bengall then [. . . . .] Gusbardar even thô we have sent them attested Copys of the Princes Nishân to the President with those of Zoudee Cawnes Perwanna to D^o^. we will see in a little time more how this matter may terminate as having sent Zoudee Cawnes perwanna to the Suba of Golcondah some time agoe to whom those of Metchlepatam are subordinate, whose answer we impatiently wait for, and thô we had leave and permission, as we have not yet the present monsoon doth not favour its being sent to Bengall sooner than next Feb^ry^.

You say the presents in some of its particulars are extravagantly dear, as is usuall in what ever is bought up for Kings & Princes that very name and occasion riseing their value, but wee think such of us, as were not then of this Board are no ways, Accountable for what done before their time, and those that were do say they were bought by the Approbation of the then President & Council the embroiderd Cap in box N°. 74 was taken out of said box to prevent its being tarnishd, and to have been wrapt up in a cloth & deliverd to the care of Seropah formerly our Cheif Merchant, when y^{e}. [. . .] present was at first designed to have been sent to Court [. . . .] Golcondah, with which the said Seropah was to [. . .] and that same cap with two English [. . .] pictures [. . .] intended in part of a larger present of the[. . .] President Pitt to Zoudee Cawne.

What ever letters Capt, Cornwall might have sent us when upon Zeloan yet we never rec^{d}. here any one of them, thô' we have two of his from Bengall, and had he come here to this Port from Zeloan, we should not have putt him under any orders to us, but declare his ship to be out of the Companys Service, untill his ship had been first surveyd, fitted, and repaird, which we are sure could not be effected in this road, however if he comes here well repaird and the same attested we shall send him to the West Coast, if he has his compliment of men and thus much in answer to yours of the 10th. last month.

And to your subsequent of the [. . .] month we hope we shall not only attempt but make [. . .] and evidently appear we are no ways guilty of a [. . . . . .] materiall to the Companys interest as you said [letters blame us] with, for our [not] having sent you more of our bales, and not advising you [of the to]nnage we could dispatch hence for England, to the former [. . .] sent you upon the Des Bouvery & Susanna 300 bales was as much as we could spare you in consideration of the excessive and constant rains we have had in the months of April, May, June, July, August & September last contrary to the usuall hot dry seasons of said months in so much that the rains has hinderd our cloth to be brought into Town as that we could not employ our washers, as having nothing for them to doe, the countrys all about us being all a flood of water for some months, which putt us in a great concern how to lade home the Frederick, whom we expected to arrive here in October last from the West Coast being one of our last years shipping and consequently longest upon Demorage, and for that reason ought to be first dispatch'd for England, tho' she did not arrive here till the ⅌ ^{MO}. ins^{t}. and hath ever since been much hinderd in lading her Charterparty petre & redwood by reason of the Surf that hath ever since for the most part run so high.

As to the other part of what you blame us for in not advising you what Tonnage we should be able to dispatch home this season.

We answer and say we did early on the 3^{d}. of Jan^{ry}. last [write to] the then Council of Bengall to advise us what Toñage they [thou]ght they could be able to dispatch home the next October following, and their answer of the 27th. of Feb^{ry}. after told us they were in hopes to gett ready 12 or 1300 Toñs, which made us send you so much shipping and large stocks so that the Company having the last year limitted us to £60000 Two and this year to £80,000 for this place and Fort S^{t}. David, we should think that yourselves having much the greater part of the last and this years Stock consignd to yor. Presidency you should for that reason have first advisd us what Tonnage you could have sent home this season in performance of [wh]at the Council wrote us in their said letter of the 27th. of [. . .] last, and because we could not dispatch home the [. . . . .] who arrivd here from Bengall the 2^{d}. of May last [. . . .] forcd to use our utmost to jostle out a Danes ship [. . . . . .] for by some free Merchants of [. . .] for a Voyage to China to make way for the Hallifax [. . . .] some thousand Pag^{s}. more freight to Countervail [. . . . . .] greater part of her Demorage at a time when [. . . . .] wayes dispose of her.

And now upon the premises we leave it to any indiffer[ent] to judge whether what you blame us for was not rather par[r . . .] just.

What we wrote to Zoudee Cawne as being too plain was no m[. . .] not so much as what himself wrote us in his Perwannas relating to the encouragement of Trade in generall.

Copys of our former Phirmaunds and grants from the Kings and Princes of the country shall be sent you by Sea Conveyance as judging that most safe, the Originalls formerly sent to Bombay having been robbd by the way and so for ever lost. We are

Yo^r^. affect^te^. freinds & Humble Servants.

William Fraser.
Edmund Mountague.
William Martin.
Robert Raworth.
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Richard Hunt.
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